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OR,

Expresse Texts and necessary Consequences drawn out of the Word of God, for the condemning of the Doctrine of the *Roman* Church, and Justifying of that of the Reformed Churches.

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O Daughter of Babylon *who art to be destroyed: happy shall he be that rewardeth thee as thou hast served Vs.*

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TO

THE RIGHT HONOVRABLE AND most Illustrious Lord, PHILIP Earle of *Pembroke* and *Mongomery*, Baron Herbert of *Cardiffe* and *Shurland*, &c. Lord Chamberlaine of his *Majesties* Houſehold, Knight of the Honourable Order of the Garter, and one of his *Maieſties* moſt Honourable Priuy Counſell.

RIGHT HONOVRABLE,

IF Books *were to be eſteemed for their* Bulke, *and not for their* Worth: *I would not preſume to Dedi-*

cate so little a Book *as this is, to* so great a Lord *as You are. But since it is their* Goodnesse, *and not their* Bignesse, *that makes them recommendable: the* Book *it selfe, I hope, shall answer for me. For* in It, *your* Honour *shall finde* a great deale *of good matter, contained in* a little roome. *In It, You shall see the Doctrine of the Church of Rome* flatly condemned; *and the Doctrine of the Reformed Church,* fully Justified: *And that, not by any passages taken out of the* broken Cisternes *of the Traditions of men; but by many expresse Texts, and necessary Consequences drawn out of the Pure Fountain of* the very word of God. *In a word,*

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though it be of a contemptible Stature: yet you shall finde It to be a pretty tall Man of his hands; skilfull in his weapons; and so full of mettle and spirit, that like a little DAVID (*comeing in the name of the Lord, and being armed with his Word*) *he foyles and utterly overthrowes that* Great GOLIAH of Gath, *I meane the Church of* Rome.

And now, most Illustrious Lord, *the thing that hath encouraged me to make choice of* Your Honour, *and seeke after* Your Patronage, *is, that my* Author (*of Noble extraction himselfe*) *Dedicated this Book of his to* a Great and Religious Princesse of my Nation,

Daughter to that Renowned Prince, *the late* Duke of ROHAN: *by which example, I thought my ſelfe obliged not to diſparage it in* England.

But the moſt prevalent Motive, *and, as I may ſay, the very* Loadſtone *that hath attracted me thereunto, is, chiefly, thoſe tranſcendent* vertues *which I ſee* ſhine *ſo brightly in* Your Honor, *and wherewith* God hath adorned Your Soule as with a garment: *I meane that* Fervent love *You have to the* Truth: *That* Ardent Affection *You ſhew to the* Sincerity *of* Religion: *and that* Inbred and Holy Hatred You beare, *not onely to all* Popery *and* Superſtition:

tion : *but also to the* least thing *that might conduce thereunto.*

And for the Confirmation of this testimony of mine: Give me leave, Most Noble Lord, *to boast that I am very strong; and may, with as much right as any man, use in this the common English Proverbe, that saith,* I come with a Witnesse : *since I bring* no lesse *with mee* than the Voyce of the whole Kingdome.

For indeed, Right Honorable, *though I have been in most places of* England, *and have carefully and diligently observed the bent and affections of the People: I never yet met with any man*

that dissented from that opinion.

What hopes then should not I have that Your Honor *will accept of this poore Labour of mine, and afford It* Your Protection, *since It sutes so wel with* Your disposition; *and that You shall see in It the* Truth *of that* Religion *which* You Professe; *and the* Falshood *of that* Religion *which* You Detest.

Vouchsafe therefore Most Illustrious Lord, *to receive It with a gracious eye, and to afford It* Your Countenance. *I know that for* Your Honors *sake, it will be welcome to* this Nation, *when they see Your* Honorable Name *in the front of It. And I make*

no queſtion but after they have read It, they will love it alſo for its owne ſake. If in theſe times (wherein many looke back towards Babylon *again, and Popery hath been here ſo bold as to thinke her ſelfe at home) the Publicke receive any fruit thereby, they ſhall be obliged unto* Your Honor *for it: but I more eſpecially, who will acknowledge my ſelfe bound ſo long as I live, to be and remaine,*

Your Honours

moſt humble

and moſt devoted

Servant,

J. MOVNTAINE.

To the Reader.

THe Jeſuits and other Doctors of the *Romane* Church, having lurk'd a long time under the Cloake of a pretended Antiquity, perſonall Succeſſion, falſe Miracles, Councels, and ancient Fathers: And now, perceiving that this old ragged covering is not able to hide any longer thoſe Errors and Idolatries which the Pope hath brought into the Church, becauſe that the people whom they have deceived, and by this meanes kept in their Errors, beginne now to know That the Religion which hath the truth of

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the Word of God hath the Antiquity: and that on the contrary, That Religion which hath not this Truth, hath the Falshood and Novelty. Moreover, That there is no succession of true Pastors, where there is no succession of true Doctrin: That *Miracles* belongeth now to Antichrist, and are a marke of Apostasie, and not of the Truth: as the Word of God plainly teacheth, *Mat.* 24. 24. 2. *Thes.* 2. 9: That they are forced to confesse, That divers Councels and ancient Fathers have Erred, and that they are not rules of the Word of God, but that they ought to be ruled by the same Word. They have

been forced (running from their colors) to forsake their weather-beaten shelter, to seek for a new retreat, and cast themselves into a new intrenchment, there to hold and lurke yet a while, which is to aske of us some expresse texts out of the Word of God, and necessary Consequences drawn out of the same, for the proofe of our Doctrine, and condemnation of theirs; thinking by such means to perswade the simple people, that we have bragd in vain that our Doctrine was conformable unto the word of God, & that we had expresse texts & necessary Consequences drawn out of the same for the confirmation thereof, and are

not

not able to produce any. But these Doctors imagining to hide themselves thereby, have on the contrary, stript themselves so stark naked, that it is impossible for them to subsist any longer. For I will shew in this Treatise, with the help of the Lord, that according to their own Maxime and proper Confession, the Doctrine of the *Roman* Church is most false: and That of the Reformed Church, most true.

To come therfore to the Point, without using any long digression: We must understand, that our Adversaries do confesse ingenuously, That the Doctrine which may be proved both by expresse texts out of the Word of God

God, and neceſſary Conſequences drawn out of the ſame, is the true Doctrin. And contrariwiſe, That that Doctrine which cánot be proved out of expreſſe texts of the Word of God, and neceſſary Conſequences drawn out of the ſame, is the falſe. And that withall the Jeſuits doe brag impudently in ſome of their Bookes, to have put to ſilence all Our Miniſters: And make their boaſt, *That neither Miniſter, nor any other, can produce any expreſſe Text out of the Bible, that either condemneth any of their Articles, or juſtifies any of ours, though we ſhould produce them out of the* Geneva *Bible*. Moreover, *That by Expreſſe Texts, they dve not meane*

meane we ſhould ſhew them in the Bible, the very ſame words of the debated Article: but that they are contented with ſuch like and equivalent words. And that we cannot juſtifie any of our Articles of Faith, nor condemne any of theirs by any good Conſequence drawne out of the pure Word of God. And in Jeſuite *Verons* anſwer to my Book called *The Caballe of the Jeſuits, &c.* after hee hath brought ſome lines wherein I ſay that the onely way to make them come out of this laſt entrenchment, is to produce Expreſſe Texts out of the Word of God, for the proofe of that which is in Controverſie: he anſwereth, *That it is all he deſireth*

reth of us, and offereth to be a Protestant, if we be able to doe it, even in one onely Article. Again, in *de Raconis* Book, containing the Acts of the Conference held between him and M^r. *du Moulin*, Printed with the approbation of the Doctors, *p.* 15, the said *de Raconis* confesseth, *That the Church is subject unto the written Word, not to goe against it.* And in the 31. *Pag.* he admitteth the said *du Moulin* to necessary Consequences drawn out of the Word of God. So that all we have now to doe, is to produce Expresse Texts out of the Word of God, and necessary Consequences drawne out of the same, for the condemning of the Doctrine of

Roman Church, and Justifying of that of the Reformed. Which thing I do in this Treatise upon the chiefe points of Controversie: Whereby every one may easily perceive, that according to our Adversaries own Confession, the Reformed Church hath the true Doctrine, and the *Roman* Church the false. And therefore all they that desire to have Salvation, ought to come out of it, and joyne themselves to the Reformed Church.

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THE MATTERS Contained in this TREATISE.

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And that there is but one onely Sacrificator Sacrificing expiatorily in the Evangelicall Law, to wit, Christ Jesus our Lord. Pag. 125.

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Chap. I.

That the Word of God is not dark to them that have received the Spirit of God, that they may know the things which are freely given them of God. Item, *That it containeth all things necessary to Salvation; and by consequent, that Mens Traditions are vaine and unprofitable.*

THe Word of God contained in the Old and New Testament, is the chiefe and principall meanes we have

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things neceſſary to Salvation. That it is but a piece of a rule, a noſe of wax, a two-handed ſword. But for to ſupply the Scriptures want, there is a Tradition and unwritten Word, which they cauſe to be received with like credit and certainty as the very Word of God. And with this artifice and cunning, the Pope hath ſet up himſelfe in the Temple of God, and hath changed the Chriſtian Religion, into Idolatry, ſuperſtition and falſe Doctrine; cauſing the people to receive whatſoever he ſaith and decrees, as the very Word and ordinance of God, though they be things directly contrary to the ſame: which things, by the grace of God, I ſhall make plainly appeare by many places of the Word of God, and neceſſary conſequences drawne out of the ſame.

Firſt, as touching the darkneſſe of the Scripture which they ſuppoſe, for to hinder the ſimple people from rea-

ding the same: I say that in this very thing, they truely shew themselves to be those blinde and incredulous ones of whom S. *Paul* speakes when he saith, *If our Gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the God of this world hath blinded the mindes of them that beleeve not, Lest the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ, who is the Image of God, should shine unto them*, 2. Cor. 4. ver. 3. 4.

If the Word of God be dark, it is not in regard of it selfe, but of men that are blinde by nature in things that are of God. *The natural man* saith S. *Paul, receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishnesse unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned*, 1. Cor. 2. 14. And, our Lord teacheth us, that they *which are not of God, cannot heare the Word of God*, Joh. 8. 47.

The Word of God is not dark to them that have received the Spirit of God,

God, that they may know the things which are freely given to them of God, 1. *Cor.* 2. 12. I prove it by these arguments.

Whatsoever is a lampe unto the feet of the Faithfull, and a light unto their paths, the same is not dark unto them.

But the Word of God is a lampe unto the feet of the Faithfull, and a light unto their paths, *Psal.* 119. 105.

Therefore the Word of God is not dark unto them.

Item, Whatsoever illuminateth, and makes the simple to have understanding, the same is plain unto them.

But the Word of God enlightneth and maketh the simple to have understanding. *Psal.* 119. 130.

Therefore the Word of God is plain unto the simple.

Secondly, The Pope and his Adherents, teaching that the Word of God containeth not all things neceſſary to Salvation, ſhew themſelves wholly and abſolutely adverſe to Saint *Paul*: theſe words are plain to *Timothy*: *The holy Scriptures*, ſaith he, *are able to make thee wiſe unto Salvation, through Faith which is in Chriſt Jeſu. All Scripture is given by inſpiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproofe, for correction, and for inſtruction in righteouſneſſe, That the Man of God may be perfect, throughly furniſhed unto all good works*, 2. Tim. 3. 15. 16. 17.

The written Word of God, hath the vertue and power to ſave ſoules; S. *James* teacheth the ſame when he ſaith, *Receive with meekneſſe the engrafted Word, which is able to ſave your ſoules*, Jam. 1. 21. *If you continue in my Word*, ſaith Chriſt, *you ſhall know the truth, and the truth ſhall make you free*, Joh. 8. 31. 32. *Theſe things are written*,

written, saith S. *John*, *that you may beleeve that Jesus is the Christ, the Sonne of God, and in beleeving you may have life through his name*, Joh. 20. 31. The written Word of God therefore containeth all things necessary to Salvation, and it is a needlesse thing to have recourse to mens Traditions.

Againe, Christ saith, *That they worship him in vain, teaching for doctrines the commandements of men*, Mark. 7. 7. He would not therefore have men to take upon them to make laws & commandements in his Church: But rather that al should submit themselves to his doctrine and Commandements contained in his Word, *without either adding unto it, or diminishing from it*, Deut. 4. 2. Apoc. 22. 18. 19. *The fear of this people*, saith he, *is towards me through the commandements of men*, Esay 29. 13.

In a word, Christ and his Apostles, in many places doe send us to the

written Word of God, but never to an unwritten word, or humane Traditions: But rather on the contrary, S. *Paul* exhorteth the faithfull to take heed leaſt they be ſurpriſed by the Traditions and vain deceits of men. *If any man*, ſaith he, *yea, even an Angel from Heaven, preach unto you any other Goſpel than that which you have received, let him be accurſed*, Galat. 1. 8. The written Word of God therefore containeth all that which is neceſſary to ſalvation: and conſequently, we need not ſeek after any other unwritten Word for that purpoſe.

Moreover, We doe not reject all kind of Traditions, but onely ſuch as are contrary unto the Word of God, or invented by men for to impoſe a yoake upon the conſciences of men, which God hath not impoſed.

The true Church, groundeth no Articles of faith upon the Traditions of men, but upon the Word of God.

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But our Adversaries build their Articles of faith upon the Tradition and the unwritten Word onely, which they preferre before the holy Scriptures, and set it up far above the same. *Gabriel de S. Maria*, in his treatise of the *Authority of Scripture*, chap. 7. pag. 162. saith, that If we doe compare the Tradition with the written Word of God, we shall finde that the Tradition excels it infinitely, for that it hath more necessity, more light, more firmenesse, and more authority than the written Word of God.

The Church of God useth some Traditions, but such as are not contrary unto the Word of God, and which doe not impose a yoake upon the consciences of men: But the Traditions of the *Roman* Church, which (as our Adversaries say) excel the Word of God infinitely, are directly contrary nnto the same and impose a yoake

yoake upon the consciences of men, which God hath not imposed; which is clearly verified in these examples following.

1 In the first place, The Tradition and unwritten Word of the *Roman* Church, teacheth, That all the Faithfull ought not to reade and meditate upon the Word of God.

This doctrin is contrary to these places of the written word of God.

Blessed is he that readeth the words of this Prophesie, &c. Apoc. 1.3.

Seek unto the Book of the Law, and reade, &c. Esay 34.39.

2 The Tradition and unwritten Word of the Roman Church, teacheth, That Saints departed are our advocates and mediators towards God.

This Doctrine is contrary to these expresse places of the written Word of God.

God is one, and the Mediator one between God and Man, the Man Christ Jesus, 1. Tim. 2.5.

If any man ſinne, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jeſus Chriſt the Righteous, John 1. Epiſt. 2. 1.

3 The Tradition and unwritten Word of the *Roman* Church, teacheth, That we muſt make Images of God, to worſhip him by them.

This Doctrine is contrary unto the written Word of God, as appeareth by theſe expreſſe places.

Thou ſhalt not make unto thee any graven Image, or any likeneſſe of any thing that is in Heaven above, or that is in the Earth beneath, &c. Thou ſhalt not bow down thy ſelfe to them, nor ſerve them, &c. Exod. 20. 4. 5.

To whom will yee liken God, or what likeneſſe will yee compare unto him, Eſay 40. 18.

Profeſſing themſelves to be wiſe, they became fooles: And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God, into an Image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and to foure-footed beaſts, Rom. 1. 22. 23.

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4 The Tradition and unwritten Word of the *Roman* Church, teacheth, That all Christians ought to abstain from certain meats, both in Lent, and other daies throughout the yeare.

This Doctrine is contrary unto the written Word of God, as you may see by these expresse places.

Whatsoever is sold in the shambles, that eat, asking no question for conscience sake.

If any of them that beleeve not, bid you to a feast, and yee be disposed to goe, whatsoever is set before you, eate, asking no question for conscience sake, 1. Cor. 10.25.27.

Now the Spirit speaketh expressely, that in the latter times, some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils, forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstaine from meates which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which beleeve, &c. 1. Tim. 4. 1. &c.

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5 The Tradition and unwritten Word of the *Romane* Church, teacheth, That all Paſtors, and other Eccleſiaſticall perſons in the Chriſtian Church, ought not to marry, but rather that they ſhould make a vow never to marry.

This Doctrine is contrary to the written Word of God, as is proved by theſe expreſſe texts following:

To avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her owne husband, &c. 1.Cor.7.2.

But if they cannot containe, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burne, 1.Cor.7.9.

Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge, Heb.13.4.

A Biſhop then muſt be blameleſſe, the husband of one wife: ruling well his own houſe, having his children in ſubjection with all gravity. Item, *Let the Deacons be husbands of one wife, ruling their children*

children, and their owne houſes well, 1.Tim.3.2.&c.

Saint *Paul* alſo calleth the forbidding of marriage, *a doctrine of Devils,* 1.Tim.4.1.

6 The Tradition and unwritten Word of the *Roman* Church, teacheth, that in all places Divine Service and Prayers ought not to be ſaid but in Latine.

This Doctrine is contrary to theſe expreſſe texts of the written Word of God.

Except yee utter by the tongue words eaſie to be underſtood, how ſhall it be known what is ſpoken? for yee ſhall ſpeak into the ayre. I will pray with the Spirit, and will pray with underſtanding alſo: I will ſing with the Spirit, and I will ſing with the underſtanding alſo. Elſe when thou ſhalt bleſſe with the Spirit, how ſhall he that occupieth the roome of the unlearned, ſay Amen at thy giving of thankes, ſeeing he knowes not

what thou ſayeſt? Yet in the Church I had rather ſpeak five words with my underſtanding, that by my voyce I might teach others alſo, than ten thouſand words in an unknowne tongue, 1. Cor. 14.9.15.16.19.

7 The Tradition and unwritten Word of the *Roman* Church, teacheth, That the Faithfull deſerve Eternall life by their good works, and the glory of the kingdome of Heaven.

This Doctrine is contrary to the written word of God, as it is proved by theſe expreſſe places.

If it be by Grace, it is no more of workes: otherwiſe Grace is no more Grace, Rom. 11.6.

By Grace are yee ſaved through Faith, and that not of your ſelves: it is the gift of God. Not of workes, leaſt any man ſhould boaſt, Epheſ. 2.8.9. Tit. 3.5.

The Tradition and unwritten Word of the *Roman* Church, teacheth,

cheth, That by the death and passion of Christ, we are delivered from the guilt and punishment of sinnes committed before Baptisme: but not from the punishment of sinnes committed after Baptisme, for which we must pay and satisfie the justice of God, both in this life by penance, and after this life in a fire of Purgatory.

This Doctrine is contrary to these expresse places of the written Word of God.

All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God, Being justified freely by his Grace, through the Redemption that is in Christ Jesus, Rom. 3. 23. 24.

The blood of Jesus Christ, cleanseth us from all sinne, John 1. Epist. 1. 7.

By Grace are yee saved through Faith, and that not of your selves, it is the gift of God, not of works, least any man should boast, &c. Ephes. 2. 8. 9.

There is no condemnation to them that

that are in Christ Jesus, &c. Rom. 8. 1.

9 The fifth Gospel of Cardinal *Bellarmine*, teaches, That Saints departed are in some kind our Redeemers, *lib. 1. de Indulg. cap. 4.*

This Doctrine is contrary to the written Word of God, as it is proved by these expresse texts.

There is no Salvation in any other but in Christ Jesus: neither is there any other name under Heaven given unto men, whereby we must be saved; Act. 4. 12.

The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin, John 1. Epist. 1. 7.

10 The Tradition and unwritten Word of the *Roman* Church, teacheth, That after consecration, the bread of the Masse is no more bread, but is transubstantiated into the Body of Christ, and the Wine into his Blood. That Christ is betweene the hands of the

Priests, in as many places as there are Masses said, as big and as large as he was upon the Crosse.

This Doctrine is altogether contrary unto these expresse places of the written Word of God.

Jesus took Bread, brake it, and gave it, &c. Math. 26.

As often as yee eat this Bread, &c. 1. Cor. 11. 26. *Let a man examine himselfe, and so let him eate of that Bread, &c.* 1. Cor. 11. 28.

The poore yee have alwaies with you: but me yee have not alwaies, John 12. 8.

I leave the world, and goe to the Father, John 16. 28.

Heaven must contain him, untill the time of restitution of all things, which God hath foretold, &c. Acts. 3. 21.

11 The Tradition and unwritten Word of the *Roman* Church, teaches, That the Lay people, men and women

women, ought not to partake of the holy Sacrament of the Lords Supper, under both kinds.

This Doctrine is directly contrary unto the written Word of God, as appeareth by these expresse texts.

Drinke ye all of it, Mat. 26. 27.

Let a man examine himselfe, and so let him eate of that Bread and drink of that cup, 1. Cor. 11. 28.

12 The Tradition and unwritten Word of the *Roman* Church, teacheth also: That Christ Jesus sacrificeth himselfe every day really, by the hands of the Priests, both for the quicke and for the dead.

This Doctrine is directly contrary to the written Word of God, that saith:

Christ is entred into Heaven it selfe, now to appeare in the presence of God for us. Yet not that he should

offer himselfe often, as the high Priest entred into the holy place every yeare with blood of others, &c. Heb. 9. 24. 25.

By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

Now, where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sinne, Heb. chap. 10. 10. 14. 18.

13. The Tradition and unwritten Word of the *Roman* Church, teacheth, That Saint *Peter* was appointed by Christ, to be head of the Universal Church, and Prince of the Apostles.

This doctrin is directly contrary unto the written word of God, as appeareth by these expresse texts.

God hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the Church, which is his

his Body, Ephes. 5. ver. 22. 23.

Yee know that the Princes of the Gentils exercise Dominion over them, and they that are great, exercise authority upon them. But it shall not be so among you, &c. Mat. 20. 25. 26.

And he gave some Apostles: and some Prophets: and some Evangelists: and some Pastors and Teachers, Ephes. 4. 11.

It appeareth therefore plainly, that this Tradition and unwritten word of the *Roman* Church, is altogether contrary unto the written Word of God, and that it imposeth a yoake upon the consciences of men that God hath not imposed.

Seeing it forbids marriage to certain persons, which God for avoyding of fornication, commandeth to every one.

Seeing it forbids the use of cer-

tain meats which God doth not forbid, but rather commandeth to be used with thanksgiving.

Seeing it forbids all men to work upon a great number of Holy-daies, thereby depriving them of the means to earne their bread, which oftentimes is wanting on such daies, to poore men charged with wives and small children: the which thing is directly contrary to the Commandement of God. *Six daies shalt thou labour, and doe all thy work*, Exod. 20. 9.

Againe, by bringing in such an infinite number of ceremonies, in part taken from the Pagans, and in part from the Jewes, with a numberlesse number of Pilgrimages and other such like things, as is almost impossible to declare and represent by particulars.

It is not then without cause and reason, that we reject these Traditions

ditions and inventions of men, seeing they were broached onely to bring in into Christian Religion Error and Idolatry: as I shall prove hereafter more at large, as well by expresse texts and necessary consequences drawn out of the Word of God, as by invincible reasons.

CHAP. II.

That it is necessary that all the Faithfull should reade the holy Scripture, and that they are even bound thereunto, by the Commandement of our Lord Jesus Christ.

FRom the very same Spring, floweth the prohibition which the Pope and his Associates make to the Lay people,

to reade the Word of God without ſpecial leave: wherin their manifeſt hypocriſie appeareth plainly, and the feare they have that by reading of the ſame, men ſhould come to know that the Doctrine which they have invented, is falſe, and wholly contrary unto the Word of God. Our Lord Jeſus Chriſt teacheth us far otherwiſe: *Search*, ſaith he, *the Scriptures, for in them yee think yee have eternall life, and they are they which teſtifie of me*, John 5.39. And under the Parable of the rich Glutton, he ſends them ſtill to the Scripture, ſaying, *They have* Moſes *and the Prophets, Let them heare them*, Luk, 16. 29. The Jeſuits and other the Popes Diſciples anſwer, that there is *Let them heare them*: but not, Let them reade them. But what will they anſwer to theſe expreſſe places? *Seek yee out of the Book of the Lord*

Lord, and reade, Eſay 34. verſ. 16. *Bleſſed is hee that readeth, and they that heare the words of this Propheſie, and keep thoſe things which are written therein*, Revel. 1. 3. If ſobriety muſt be kept in any Book of the holy Scripture, it is in that of the *Revelation*. Nevertheleſſe, Saint *John* exhorteth all the Faithfull to practiſe the reading thereof, ſaying; *Bleſſed is he that readeth the words of this Propheſie. Let the word of Chriſt*, ſaith Saint Paul, *dwell in you richly, in all wiſedome, teaching and admoniſhing one another, &c.* Col. 3. 16. Saint *Peter* tels us, *That we ſhall doe well to hearken unto the words of the Prophets*, 2. Pet. 1. 19. The Jews of *Berea, did dayly ſearch the Scriptures, to know whether thoſe things were ſo, as Saint* Paul *taught*, Act. 17. 11. And are commended for it in the Scriptures, being called

called *more Noble than them of Theſſalonica*. It is therefore lawfull for every Faithfull Chriſtian to reade the Word of God, that by it they may know the Doctrine, and judge whether it be of God or no.

In a word, as I have ſaid already, the principall means we have to know God and his Will, is his word, by which he declareth unto us his mercy in Chriſt Jeſus, and aſſureth us of his love. Now, the Pope and his Diſciples take away and hide (as much as in them lies) this Word from the people: and ſo deprive them of the chiefe meanes to know God: which is to caſt them headlong into darkneſſe and ignorance of their ſalvation, and finally into damnation. For, what can that man doe that is deprived of the knowledg of God and of his will, but run into damnation.

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CHAP. III.

That a man can doe no good worke without the Grace of God: And that our workes therefore are not dispositive for the obtaining of that grace, as our Adversaries say.

THe Pope and his Associates teach also, That our works ought to bee considered three manner of wayes. First, as dispositive. Secondly, as satisfactory; and Thirdly, as meritorious. Before we be in the state of Grace, they will have our Works to bee dispositive to purchase Grace; and after grace received, to be satisfactory for the temporall punishment that remaineth for sin: And after satisfaction finished, then they will have their workes to deserve

ſerve the Kingdome of Heaven. A doctrine which is directly contrarie unto the word of God, as I ſhall prove it hereafter out of expreſſe texts, which I ſhall produce out of the VVord of God, and neceſſary conſequences drawn out of the ſame.

In the firſt place, they teach that our Works doe diſpoſe and prepare us to obtain the grace of God. But now, I aske of them, whether we doe good Works before we be in grace, or whether we doe them after? yea or no. If they ſay that we doe them before; they know that men naturally are dead in ſinne; I prove it by this expreſſe text out of Saint *Paul*: *And you* ſaith he, *being dead in your ſinnes, and through the uncircumciſion of your fleſh, hath he quickned together with him; having forgiven you all treſpaſſes*, Coloſ. 2. 13. Now even

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as a dead man cannot doe ſo much as to ſtir his fingers end, unleſſe he be raiſed againe: So a man dead in ſinne, cannot doe any good work, unleſſe God raiſe him firſt, and regenerate him inwardly by his ſpirit. The ſame Apoſtle teacheth it plainly in another place, ſaying, That *it is God which worketh in us both to will and to doe, according to his good pleaſure*, Phil. 2. 13.

The holyeſt men, though enduced with the ſpirit of God, and ordinarily accompanied with his grace, have alwaies acknowledged themſelves to be ſinners, and very unable to doe good workes. Saint *Paul* ſpeaketh thus of himſelfe, and alſo of all others in his perſon, *For I was alive without the Law once: but when the Commandement came, ſinne revived, and I died. I am carnall, ſould under ſinne. I know that in me* (that is, *in my fleſh*) *dwelleth*

dwelleth no good thing: For to will is present with me, but how to performe that which is good, I finde not. For the good that I would doe, I doe not: but the evill which I would not, that I doe, Rom. 7. 9. 14. 15. 18. 19.

Is it not then a meere ridiculous foolery, to teach, that a man destitute of the Grace of God, may doe any good work to obtain Grace, seeing that these which have this Grace already, doe not doe the good they would, but doe the evill which they would not, having alwaies some corruptions of the flesh opposing the desires of the spirit? And therefore they must confesse, that we doe good workes after we have received Grace: whence it followeth that their Doctrine is false, as I prove it by this argument.

If we doe good works after we are received into Grace: Then it followeth,

followeth, that our works doe not dispose us to obtaine that Grace which we have already, and without which we cannot apply our selves to good works. But the Antecedent is true: therefore the Consequent also.

CHAP. IV.

That our Lord Jesus Christ hath fully and perfectly satisfied the justice of God for our sins, both for the guilt and punishment thereof: and consequently, that it is a vain and unprofitable thing to desire to satisfie again unto the same by works.

THat which our Adversaries teach concerning satisfaction, is, That God releaseth unto the sinner all the guilt, and

and forgiveth him the eternall punishment due unto it: But that he will have it turn'd into a Temporal punishment: alledging, that if in our Justification, nothing were found but the forgiveneſſe of ſins, it would be perfect mercy; but that there is ſome other thing whereby the juſtice of God appeareth. To be ſhort, The Doctrin of theſe Doctors, is, that God (for the manifeſtation of his juſtice) wil have the juſtified ſinner to ſatisfie Gods juſtice for the Temporal puniſhment of his ſinnes: otherwiſe, his juſtice is not ſatisfied.

Anſwer. It is an old wile of Sathan, which he hath alwaies practiſed by his falſe Prophets, to ſmother and bury as much as in him lyeth, the meanes whereby God is pacified with us, and his juſtice fully ſatisfied. Therefore I aske of them, whether Chriſt hath ſatisfied

fied to the iustice of God, or no? If he hath not satisfied *it*, *he* is not our Saviour, and we are still in our sinnes, lyable to the curse of the Law, *Galat.* 3. 13. But if Christ hath satisfied the iustice of God for sinne; it followeth, that it is satisfied; and declared in this alone satisfaction of his; and by consequent, that it is a vain and an unprofitable thing, to desire to satisfie the same again.

Now that Christ hath satisfied fully the iustice of God for sinne: these expresse texts shewe it clearly and plainly.

He hath born our griefes, and carried our sorrowes. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement of our peace was upon him, and with his stripes we are healed. The Lord hath laid on him the iniquitie of us all, Esay 53. 4. 5. 6. And the Apo-

ſtle Saint *Paul* teacheth us, *That he hath reconciled all things unto himſelfe (having made peace through the blood of his Croſſe) whether they be things in Earth, or things in Heaven*, Coloſ. 1.20. Again, *The Mediator is one between God and Man, the Man Chriſt Jeſus, who gave himſelfe a ranſome for all*, 1. Tim. 2.5.6.

Now the Jeſuits and other Doctors of the *Roman* Church (to avoid this) uſe to make a diſtinction of guilt and puniſhment, ſaying that Chriſt hath ſatisfied for the guilt and eternall puniſhment, but not for that Temporal puniſhment reſerved for the ſinner juſtified, for which he is bound to ſatisfie the juſtice of God. But this is brought in to no purpoſe: For I will ſtop up this paſſage upon them in producing expreſſe texts and neceſſary conſequences drawn out of the Word of God, that

that ſhew plainely the contrary.

Firſt of all, the Prophet Eſay hath told us in the forenamed place, that Chriſt hath not onely borne our griefes, but our ſorrowes alſo, which are not the guilt, but the puniſhment of our ſinnes. And to ſay that this is true as touching the eternall and not the Temporall puniſhment, is to no purpoſe. For S. *Paul* ſaith, *That there is no condemnation to them that are in Chriſt Jeſus*, Rom. 8.1. But what puniſhment ſoever is impoſed for the ſatisfying of Gods juſtice, is a condemnation. Therefore there is no puniſhment impoſed to ſatisfie the juſtice of God.

Secondly, The ſame Apoſtle teacheth us, That *by Grace we are ſaved through Faith, and that not of our ſelves: it is the gift of God: not of works, leaſt any man ſhould boaſt*,

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Ephes. 2. 8. 9. And in the Epistle to the *Romans*, he saith, *All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God, being justified freely by his Grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus*, Rom. 3. 23. 24. It is not therefore by paying on our part for the punishment of our sins; it being altogether incompatible, freely to acquit and discharge a debt, and yet desire to be satisfied for it to the uttermost farthing.

3 Again, if God doe forgive the sinnes of his children in such sort as he will remember them no more: it followeth, that he will not be satisfied with temporall punishments. But the first proposition is true. *I will forgive their iniquity*, saith the Lord, *and I will remember their sinne no more*, Jerem. 31. 34. Esay 43. 25. Heb. 10. 27. *Ergo*, the last also, and therefore there

there remains no punishment for the justified sinner.

4 Moreover, Jesus Christ our Lord hath satisfied the justice of God for us, either fully and perfectly, or imperfectly and in part onely, yea or no. If fully and perfectly, then it followeth that he hath satisfied it aswel for the guilt, as for the punishment of sinne: and by consequent, that we ought neither to satisfie it for the one, nor for the other. If inperfectly and in part onely: it followeth, that he is our Saviour but in part; for he is not our Saviour, unlesse he hath fully satisfied the Justice of God for us.

5 Again, Whatsoever is done by ones selfe, is not done by an other: But Jesus Christ our Lord hath purged our sinnes by himselfe: *Christ*, saith Saint Paul, *having by himselfe purged our sinnes*,

ſate downe on the right hand of the Majeſty on high, Heb. 1.3. It is not done therfore but by Chriſt. And if the purgation of ſinnes be not but by Chriſt; it followeth, that it is not done by Temporall puniſhment and Humane ſatisfactions. But the Antecedent is true, *Ergo*, the Conſequent alſo. And therefore to deſire to ſatisfie again the Juſtice of God, is to debaſe too much the worth and merits of the blood of Chriſt, and to eſteeme his ſatisfaction as a thing of nought. For it is he only that was able to ſatisfie the ſame, for them that have obtained free mercy. And to alledge as they doe, that the Phyſicke is prepared, but that we muſt drink it: That it is true, that we receive all good things from the blood of Chriſt, but we muſt apply it, is to no purpoſe. For our penall works

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are not the means wherby we may apply unto our ſelves the vertue and efficacy of the blood of Chriſt. It is by faith that he is apprehended and applyed unto us. For as the body is fed and nouriſhed by means of the corporall mouth, that receiveth and apprehendeth the food. So the ſoule is nouriſhed and ſuſtained by Faith that receiveth and apprehendeth our Lord Jeſus Chriſt and his merits, by which onely means Chriſt is applied unto it for it's ſpirituall food.

In a word, I maintain that it is altogether impoſſible for a man to ſatisfie the Juſtice of God. Yea, even for all men put together, to ſatisfie it for the leaſt ſinne, whether for the guilt, or for the puniſhment. For God is infinite, he therefore that offends him, deſerves an infinite and an Eternall

punishment. Punishments ought to be according to the offences: And the offences, according to the quality of the persons offended. And to alledge, that Eternall punishments are turned into Temporall, is as vain and ridiculous. For Gods Justice being infinite, cannot be satisfied but by an infinite punishment. And if God through his mercy remits any thing unto the sinner, he will not doe it by halfes.

Therefore they consider the Justice of God, and the desert of sinne very ill, when as they think to be able to satisfie the same, and that by such means, as should open the gates of Heaven to the rich, rather than to the poore. For the principall means they appoint unto man to satisfie Gods Justice withall, for the punishment of sins, is to buy pardons and indulgences

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of the Pope, and give to the Church; the which indeed the rich may do, but not the poore. Wherupon it will follow, that we must say quite contrary to that which Christ saith, *Blessed are the poore, for to such is the kingdome of Heaven*, Math. 5. 3.

Our Adversaries doe bring in some places of Scripture to prove their pretended satisfactions; but against their true sence: as that of the Apostle to the *Hebrews*, *whom the Lord loveth, he chasteneth, and scourgeth every sonne whom he receiveth*, Heb. 12. 6.

Again, they say that *David* having confessed his sin to *Nathan*, did nevertheless, bear the punishment of his sin, it being said unto him, *The childe that is borne unto thee, shall surely die*, 2. Sam. 12. 14. and divers other places, where it is said that God chastiseth his children.

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I answer, That in all these places there is not a word spoken of satisfying Gods Justice, who indeed tryeth his children, and fatherly chastiseth them, not to satisfie his Justice, but to correct them and make them wiser for the time to come, shewing them and making them feele how much sin is displeasing unto him.

There is two sorts of Judgements of God; the one of revenge, the other of correction: by the one, God punisheth his enemies, confounding them in his wrath. *David* prayeth he might not be punished in this kind. *Lord*, saith he, *rebuke me not in thine anger, neither chastise me in thy hot displeasure*, Psal. 6.2. By the other of correction, God doth not chasten to cast away and to destroy, but to admonish his children, and make thē to profit unto repentance. He chastened

chaſtened *David* fatherly, when he took away his childe, and *Saul* in Juſtice, in taking away his kingdome from him.

The Faithfull are alſo called to ſuffer in this life, for to follow the ſteps of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt. *For even hereunto were yee called* ſaith S. Peter, *becauſe Chriſt alſo ſuffered for you, leaving us an example that yee ſhould follow his ſteps*, 1. Epiſt. 2. 21. *All*, ſaith S. Paul, *that will live godly in Chriſt Jeſus, ſhall ſuffer perſecution*, 2. Tim. 3. 12. *In the world yee ſhall have tribulation*, ſaith our Lord to his Diſciples, *John* 16. 33. And in another place, *Whoſoever taketh not his croſſe, and followes after me, he is not worthy of me*, Math. 10. 38. Therefore the pains and afflictions that befall the Faithfull, are not to ſatisfie the Juſtice of God, neither for the guilt, nor for the puniſhment of

of ſinnes, but to follow the ſteps of Jeſus Chriſt our Lord.

CHAP. V.

That a man not being able to ſatiſfie the Juſtice of God for his own ſinnes, cannot by conſequent ſatisfie for the ſinnes of others.

OUr Adverſaries have not been contented to teach, that a man is able to ſatiſfie the Juſtice of God for the puniſhment due to his own ſinnes: but have gone a great deale farther, and are come to ſuch a height of abſurdity, as to teach, That one man may ſatisfie for another: and that God accepteth for the ſatiſfaction of the one, whatſoever is done by the other. Now, to give ſome colour to this Doctrine, they

they alleadge that a justified man, in this life, may doe more satisfactory workes than is needfull for the paying of the Temporall punishment remaining for his sinnes. And that having finished the satisfaction ordained for the said punishment: All the penall and satisfactory workes that hee doth afterwards, are superabundant: which workes being applyed unto another with an intention to satisfie for him, are allowed as satisfactory for the punishmente of his sins.

Answ. I have shewed already and proved out of expresse texts of the Word of God, and invincible reasons, That a man is not able to satisfie the justice of God for himselfe, and by consequent, much lesse for another. Nevertheleſſe, it is necessary to shew againe, the impiety of this doctrine.

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First if a man ought and may satisfie the justice of God for another, it followes necessarily that Christ is not an alone Saviour: but that he that satisfieth for another, is also a Saviour of that man. O horrible impiety! *For there is no salvation in any other, neither is there any other name under heaven given unto men*, saith Saint *Peter*, *whereby we must bee saved, but the name of Jesus.* Act. 4. 12.

Moreover, I demand of these Doctors, whether a man can satisfie for another, before hee have fully and wholy satisfied for his owne sinnes, and have none left behinde? for otherwise, how can a man satisfie for another, if himselfe be still indebted? If so be then, a man cannot be without sinne: it followeth he cannot satisfie for himselfe, and consequently much lesse for another. But the

the first is true, therefore the last also. I prove the Antecedent of my Argument by the proper confession of these Doctors, yeelding us that concupiscence remaineth still in a man: but yet they say (for an evasion) that it is not sinne as touching the guilt, but an inclination and an alluring unto sinne, being onely an originall punishment of the sinne of *Adam*; wherein they deceive themselves grosly: for whatsoever is a transgression of the Commandement of God, is sinne as touching the guilt. But concupiscence is a transgression of the commandement of God, *Thou shalt not covet*, Exod. 20.17. Rom. 7.7. Therefore concupiscence is sin as touching the guilt.

Item, If sinne begets concupiscence in a man, it followeth that concupiscence is sinne as touching

touching the guilt: for what other thing can ſin beget in a man, but ſinne it ſelfe? But the Antecedent is true: for *Sinne*, ſaith Saint *Paul*, *taking occaſion by the commandement, wrought in mee all manner of concupiſcence*, Rom. 7. 8. *Ergo* the Conſequent alſo: and therefore a man is never without ſinne: ſinne I ſay in the very guilt, concupiſcence remaining ſtill in him. *Salomon* teacheth us ſo much, when he ſaith, That *a Juſt man falleth into ſinne ſeaven times a day*, Pro. 24. 16. *If we ſay*, ſaith Saint John, *that wee have no ſinne, we deceive our ſelves, and the truth is not in us.* 1. Epiſt. 1. 8. *I am carnall*, ſaith Saint Paul, *ſould under ſinne. I know that in me, (that is, in my fleſh) dwelleth no good thing. For the good that I would, I doe not: but the evill I would not, that I doe*, Rom. 7. 14. 18. 19. *It is enough*

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now O Lord, said *Elias*, *take away my life, for I am not better than my Fathers*, 1. King. 19. 4.

And Christ teaches us to say every day, *Forgive us our sinnes*, Matth. 6. 11. and Luke 11. 4. Whence it appeares plainely, that a man is not able to keepe himselfe one day without offending his God: That he hath sinne alwayes dwelling in him, and consequently that he cannot wholly satisfie the justice of God.

In a word, I aske of these Doctors, how shall that man take upon him to satisfie for another, that is not able to know whether hee hath sufficiently satisfied for himselfe or no? and how shall one sinner trust to the satisfaction of another sinner, that knowes not in what case the other standeth before his God?

CHAP. VI.

That the pretended treasure of the Roman *Church, was established onely for to weaken the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ: and to make a little Saint of him that no body may know from the rest of the Saints.*

BUt it was not yet enough for our Adversaries to teach men to satisfie the Justice of God; and that they may doe it superabundantly, one for another: But they maintain moreover, That the treasure of their holy mother Church, is framed and replenished with these superabundant satisfactions: of which treasure His Holinesse is the Guardian, and may distribute them to those that have not satisfied sufficiently.

ciently. And it is here that they make Christ a little Saint, that no body can know among the rest of the Saints: Behold we here how they argue, to cloak this Doctrin.

Saint *Peter* and Saint *Paul*, (say they) about the latter end of their life, had done so many painefull works, that they had fully accomplished their satisfaction: After that, they suffered martyrdome; this martyrdome was a good work done in Grace. Therefore it was satisfactory and meritorious. But so is it, that it was not satisfactory for them: for they had already wholly and fully satisfied. It was therefore a worke of supererogation. And so may one say of so many other Saints, besides the infinite satisfaction of the blood of Christ and of the Virgine *Marie*, who at the very point of her death, was found to

have gathered and heaped up together a very great heape of satisfactions. In summe, with the passion of Christ, saith *Panigarolle*, Lesson. 11. Page. 333. inasmuch as it is satisfactory, are joyned also (O horrible impiety!) the passion and superabundancies of al the Saints, wherewith is framed the treasury of the holy mother Church, to supply the want of them in whom their owne satisfactory workes are wanting.

All this being builded upon this naughty foundation of their pretended satisfaction, which I have already refuted by expresse texts out of the Word of God, and invincible reasons: deserves not a new refutation. But what Christian man is there that hearing but such impieties read, will not wonder at the patience of God? And shall not shiver for

for feare, to see the merits of the passion of the sonne of God, thus trampled under feet; and that they should make of him a little Saint, that no man can know among so many Saints, nor sever his merit and satisfaction, from so many merits and superaboundant satisfactions! O Doctors! how long will ye trample under feet the merits of the death and passion of the son of God?

Saint *Peter* teaches us that *there is no salvation in any other but in Christ Jesus: And that there is no other name under heaven given unto men, whereby wee must bee saved.* Act. 4. 12. Item, *To him give all the Prophets witnesse, that through his Name whosoever beleeveth in him, shall receive remission of sins,* Act. 10. 43. and contrariwise, these Doctors teach men to seeke for salvation and remission of sinnes in

in the name of Saints.

Saint *Paul* teacheth us that *we have redemption through the blood of Christ, even the forgiveneſſe of ſins*, Col. 1. 14. But theſe Doctors teach men to ſeeke after Redemption and remiſſion of ſins through the blood of Martyrs.

Saint *John* affirmeth, that *the blood of Chriſt cleanſeth us from all ſinne*. 1. Epiſt. 1. 7. and that *the faithfull have waſhed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lambe*. Revel. 7. 14. But theſe Doctors, on the contrary, teach men to waſh and to cleanſe their ſinnes in the blood of Saints departed: which is to reject the death and paſſion of Chriſt, as *Panigarolle* teaches it plainely in his ninth Leſſon, Page 278, ſaying, *It is a great ſinne and foolery to ſay I truſt to be ſaved by the blood of Jeſus Chriſt. Panigarolle*, Leſſon 9. p.

By ſo many expreſſe places of the word of God, and neceſſary conſequences drawne out of the ſame, the pretended ſatisfaction of our adverſaries is caſt to the ground and cut even to the very deepeſt roote: as likewiſe their Purgatorie, which they have built upon the ſame foundation. For, Purgatory was invented but for theſe two ends. The firſt, to ſatisfie the juſtice of God for the puniſhment of ſinnes. Now if we muſt not ſatisfie Gods juſtice for the puniſhment of ſinnes, as I have proved it clearely: It followeth there needeth no Purgatory.

The ſecond is for to intrap and to catch money from the ſimple people. For, how commeth it to paſſe, that the Prelates of the *Romane* Church, have ſo many thouſand pounds of yearely revenews? That one part of the No-

bility is incommodated and behind hand; and that the greatest part of the people ſtarve with hunger; but becauſe theſe men have by divers meanes cunny-catcht a great part of their eſtates, and eſpecially by great Donations that many have given at their death, to redeeme their ſoules from the paine which they thought to ſuffer in a fire of Purgatorie? For, is there any thing in the world, which a man will not give at the very point of death to free himſelfe from going into a fire for the ſpace of many hundred yeares? Will a man in that perplexity care to leave his poſterity after him miſerable and wretched, in giving away all his eſtate, So hee may be exempted from the torments of that fire, which, as they ſay, is ſeven times hotter than our fire is in this world?

world? Thoſe therefore that laid the firſt foundation thereof, ſhewed themſelves moſt ungodly and full of covetouſneſſe, which is the roote of all evils, as Saint *Paul* ſaith, *Timoth.* 6. 10. as likewiſe enemies of the glory, and merits of the death and paſſion of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt.

CHAP. VII.

That our good works have no merit at all: and that all the merit of the Faithfull is in one Chriſt alone.

AS for the merits of works, we need no long diſcourſe for to ſhew that they have none at all; ſeeing that the very beſt of our works are full of defects, being alwaies mingled with ſome

some corruptions of the flesh; and man is so subject to sin as that he doth not the good he would, but the evill which he would not; Wherefore the Prophet *Esay* saith, That *we are al as an unclean thing, and that al our righteousnesses are as filthy rags*, Esay 64.6. Whence it followeth, that they have no merit at all. For what can such polluted works that are so farre from that perfection they ought to have, deserve at the hands of God? And though they were done as they ought, yet could they deserve nothing. For a man deserveth nothing in doing that which he is bound to doe. *When ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you* (saith our Lord Jesus Christ) *say, we are unprofitable servants, we have done that which was our duty to doe*, Luk. 17.10.

Moreover, whatsoever is given us by Grace and Mercy of God, is not

not given us by the merits of our works. *If it be of Grace*, ſaith Saint Paul, *it is no more of works: otherwiſe, Grace is no more Grace*, Rom. 11.6. But the ſalvation of the Faithfull, and the glory that they ſhall have in the kingdom of God, is given them through the Grace and mercy of God. Therefore it is not given them by the merits of their works.

The ſecond propoſition of this Argument is alſo proved by many expreſſe texts out of the Word of God. *All have ſinned*, ſaith S. Paul, *being juſtified freely by his Grace*, Rom. 3.23.24. *By Grace are yee ſaved, and that not of your ſelves; it is the gift of God: not of works, leaſt any man ſhould boaſt*, Epheſ. 2. 8.9. and in another place, *But after that the kindneſſe and love of God our Saviour towards man appeared, not by works of righteouſneſſe which*

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we have done, but according to his mercy he ſaved us by the waſhing of regeneration, and renewing of the holy-Ghoſt, Tit. 3. 4. 5.

In a word, whatſoever abſolves and juſtifies us before God, from the ſame I ſay, comes all our merit: But it is the onely obedience, merit and ſatisfaction of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt that abſolves and juſtifies us before God. Therefore, from him alone proceedeth all our merit: and if all our merit proceeds from Chriſt alone, then it followeth, that it doth not proceed from our works. But the firſt is true: Therfore the laſt alſo.

Let our Adverſaries now deny as much as they will, That all our merit is in one Chriſt alone, and let them eſtabliſh other merits in their works: as for our ſelves, we will remain conſtant to that, being aſſured

assured that by Christ his onely merits, obedience and satisfaction, we are absolved and justified before God: which thing the Prophet *Esay* teacheth us when hee saith, That *he was wounded for our transgressions*, and that *the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all*, Esay 53. and so doth the Apostle S. *Paul*, saying, That *the Mediator is one between God and man, the man Christ Jesus: who gave himselfe a ransome for all*, 1. Tim. 2.5.6. and Saint *John* teacheth it also plainly, when he saith, That *Jesus Christ the Righteous is the propitiation for our sinnes*, 1. Epist. 2.2.

Now our Adversaries alledge certain places of Scripture, which say, that God rewardeth good works: Wherupon they build this syllogisme:

Whereſoever there is a reward, there is merit.

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But there is a reward to good works, Mat. 5. 12. Apoc. 22. 12. *Therefore there is merit.*

I deny the *Major*. For there are some undeserved rewards. A Father may promise his Son a fine suit of cloathes, if he write a good coppie: Now that sonne deserves not that suite of clothes for doing well that coppie. For what profit cometh to the father thereby? nevertheless, the father will give the promised suit onely because of his promise. Even so doth God to his children, giving his Kingdome unto them without any desert, but onely because he hath promised it.

Moreover, a father may be induced to give the promised suite to his sonne, because of his duty in doing his coppie well, giveing his father content by that meanes. But none of the faithfull,

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can doe their duty towards God. *All have sinned*, saith Saint *Paul*, Rom. 3. 23. and *whosoever*, saith Saint *James*, *offendeth in one point of the Law, he is guilty of all.* Jam. 2. 10. All therefore are guiltie of the breach of the whole Law. For who is he that hath not fayled in some one point or other of the Law? And therefore our Adversaries are very farre wide of that pretended merit they doe attribute to their good workes.

CHAP. VIII.

That the Invocation of Saints departed, is contrary unto the Word of God, and tendeth to no other end but to give unto the creatures the honour and glory that belongeth unto the Creator.

THese Doctors keepe a great noyse, and cry out very lowd that they are the true Church: and that the doctrine which they teach, is conformable unto the Word of God: but when it cometh to the proofe, they are mightily puzzled, haveing nothing to shew but some few allegories which they bring in upon certaine points of controversie: Like unto Foxes which runne into thickets and bushie places

places to ſave themſelves: True it is, they make a great bucklet of theſe words, *This is my body*: which they thinke are very cleare to prove, that the bread is tranſubſtantiated into the body of Chriſt. But I will ſhew in its due place, in few words, That they pervert the meaning of this place of Scripture, taking this word *is*, properly and without a figure, which in all Sacraments ought to be taken for *Signifieth* or *Repreſenteth*.

Now I will ſhew what ſlender cauſe they have to maintaine the Invocation of Saints departed, and to teach that Chriſt is not our onely Mediator with God; but that all the Saints in heaven are alſo our Mediators: and that we muſt draw neere unto God by them, as wee come neere unto the King by his familiar ſervants, intreating them to pray for us.

A Doctrine which is absolutely false, as I shall prove hereafter out of diverse expresse places, and necessary consequences drawne out of the Word of God.

First of all then, wee aske of them one expresse text out of the Word of God, or one necessary consequence drawne out of the same for the proofe of this doctrine. There they stand as mute as fishes: Behold then a doctrine that hath neither prop nor foundation in the Word of God, but is meerely invented by men against the Word of God, as I will shew hereafter. And albeit it were not contrary unto the same; I yet maintaine that it ought to bee rejected of every Christian, because it is a vaine worshipping of God, to worship him after the Doctrine and commandements of men. As our Lord

Lord Jesus Christ tearmeth it. *Marke* 7.7.

Moreover, I prove that this doctrine cannot be without great sinne. For whatsoever is done without the Word of God, is done without faith. *Faith*, saith Saint *Paul, commeth by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.* Rom. 10. 17. But the Invocation of Saints departed is done without the Word of God: Therefore it is done without Faith. *Whatsoever is done without Faith, is sin*, saith the same Apostle, *Rom.* 14.23. But the Invocation of Saints departed is done without Faith: Therefore the Invocation of Saints departed is sinne.

In briefe, That Doctrine which teacheth men to pray unto Saints departed, is contrary unto the Word of God, that teacheth, *That we ought to call upon none, but on him*

in whom we have beleeved, Rom. 10. 14. But we doe not beleeve in the Saints departed; but in one onely God, Father, Son, and holy Ghost. Therefore we ought not to call upon Saints departed, but upon God alone, in whom we beleeve.

That Doctrine which teacheth men to goe unto God by his Saints, as a man goes to the King by his familiar servants, is contrary unto the Word of God, which teacheth us to goe directly to Christ, and that he is the onely *Way*, to goe to the Father. *Come unto me*, saith he, *all ye that labour and are heavie laden, and I will give you rest, &c.* Math. 11. 28. He would not have us then goe unto him by the Saints departed. *I am*, saith he, *the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no man commeth unto the Father but by me*, John 14. 6.

That Doctrine which teacheth that

that there is divers Mediators with God, is contrary unto the Word of God, which teaches us, That *God is one, and the Mediator one, between God and Man, the Man Christ Jesus*, 1. Tim. 2. 5.

Item, That *God alone knoweth the hearts of all the sonnes of men*, 1. Kin. 8. 38.

Whereupon it followeth, That the Saints departed doe not know our prayers, which are made in the heart; and that by Consequent, it is a vain and an idle thing to pray unto them.

The Argument which we draw out of this place of Saint *Paul* against the Invocation of Saints departed, is thus.

If there be one onely Mediator between God and man, to wit, Christ Jesus: It followeth, That the Saints departed are not our Mediators with God, and by Con-

sequent, that it is unprofitable to pray unto them to pray for us. But the Antecedent is true; Therfore the Consequent also.

Our Adversaries, to put off this blow, make a distinction, saying, That Saint *Paul* in this place, speaketh not of a Mediator of Intercession, but of a Mediator of Redemption: and therefore that this place is not brought to the purpose for the Intercession of Saints: a thing which is in controversie between them and us.

To which I answer, First, That they are not able to prove that distinction of a Mediator of Redemption, and a Mediator of Intercession, either by any expresse texts out of the Word of God, or any necessary consequence drawn out of the same: and therefore that it is false. Secondly, That on the contrary, the Word

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of God teaching us, that we have an Advocate with God, which is Christ Jesus: teacheth us Consequently, that he is our alone Mediator of Intercession, aswell as of Redemption. *If any man sin*, saith S. John, *we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous*, John. 1. Epist. 2. 1.

Veron the Jesuite, in his answer to my Book, *Of the Cabale of the Jesuits*, pag. 18. answereth, That to say there is one Mediator, Therefore there is but one Mediator, is no good Consequence; and he bringeth in for example one that should say, I have a Crown: It were no good Consequence to say, Therfore he hath but one Crown.

But this answer comes from a grosse ignorance. For that is not to be able to judge of what is Consequent to a thing, and what is not. Let him learn therefore by

the ſame example he produceth, that if we aske one, How much mony have you in your purſe? and he anſwereth Categorically, I have one Crown; the Conſequent is good, Therefore you have but one Crown in your purſe.

Even ſo, I aske how many Advocates we have with God? and reading the whole Word of God, I finde that it ſhews me but one Advocate with God, which is Chriſt Jeſus. The Conſequence is good then, Therefore we have but one Advocate with God, which is Chriſt Jeſus our Lord.

It is then our Jeſuits part to ſtudy Maſter *du Moulins* Logick, whereunto he ſends me, ſeeing he ſheweth himſelf ſo ignorant therin, that he may learn better how to judge of Conſequences.

Moreover, God will not give his glory unto another; *I am*, ſaith he,

he, *the Lord, such is my name. I will not give my Glory unto another, nor my prayse unto the Idol*, Esay 42. 8. He would not have us then to give unto the creatures that Invocation which belongeth unto him. Whereby it doth appeare, That this Invocation of Saints departed, is wholly and absolutely contrary unto the Word of God, having no other end but to give unthe creature the honour and glory that belongeth onely unto the Creator.

CHAP. IX.

That the Images of the Roman Church, are made against the Commandement of God: and that the adoration which they give unto them, is meere Idolatry.

AS for the Images of the *Roman* Church, It is certaine that they are made directly against the Commandement of God, (as I have shewed before) which in the second Commandement of the Law, saith, *Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven Image of any thing that is in Heaven above, &c.* Exod. 20. 4. And in another place, *Ye shall make you no Idols nor graven Image, neither reare you up a standing Image, neither shall you set up any Image of stone in your Land, to bow down unto it: for I*

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am the Lord your God, Levit. 26. 1.

Our Adversaries doe answer, That God hath forbidden Images, for to worship them, but not as touching the representation. But I will even in that, shew that they transgresse the Commandement of God, and commit Idolatry. For if they cause Images to be erected for to worship them: It followeth, that they swerve from the Commandement of God, and that they are Idolaters. But the first is true; I prove it by the second Councell of *Nice*, That commandeth straightly to have Images, and to worship them. Besides, let any man see the books of their Schoolemen upon this point of Images, and they shall finde them all teach, That the Image ought to be worshipped with the Imagined, making but one adoration of the Image, and of the thing repre-

represented by the Image.

When they see themselves convinced by their owne Decrees, Books, and Canons, they say, That the Error is not in the worshipping by means of the Images, but by them to worship false gods, as the Pagans did; but as for them, they, by means of the Images, worship the true God.

I answer; By this reason, the *Israelits* did well to make the Golden calfe, and *Moses* very ill in breaking of it. For these Calves thought to worship the true God by means of that calfe, *Exod.* 32. 5. 6. *Ezekias* had likewise done ill in taking away the Brasen Serpent; for this people thought to worship the true God, by burning Incense to it, 2. *King.* 18. 4. and yet God had commanded it should be set up. But it would puzzle our Adversaries vilely to shew us one

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expreſſe place in the Word of God, wherein it is commanded to make Images of God for to worſhip him by them. Theſe men are like unto thoſe Idolaters which the King of *Aſſyria* ſent to inhabit the Cities of *Samaria* in ſtead of the Children of *Iſrael*, whom he had brought into *Babylon, who feared the Lord, and ſerved their graven Images*, 2. King. 17. 32. 33. 41.

Again, theſe Doctors alledge, That they worſhip their Images diſtinctly; that is, the Images of God with the adoration of *Latria*, and the Images of Saints with *Dulia*. Item, That they make their adoration paſſe unto the finall object, and therefore they are no Idolaters.

But that will not ſerve their turn: For whoſoever giveth unto the creature that worſhip which beſon-

belongeth unto the Creator, is an Idolater. But the Doctors of the *Roman* Church confeſſe they give unto the Image (which blaſphemouſly they ſay to be of God) the Adoration that belongeth to God: Therefore they are Idolaters.

Neither can they eſcape, in alledging that their Adoration paſſeth to the finall object: For to worſhip the creature with the Creator, is manifeſt Idolatry. And indeed, were it not Idolatry to worſhip Images of Gold, of Silver, of Wood and Stone, with God, with the ſame Adoration that belongeth to God? And to ſay that the Adoration paſſeth unto the finall object, is as vain. For, the Image being then firſt worſhipped, at leaſt partaketh with the Adoration; which is meere Idolatry.

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Now, theſe Doctors telling us (for a ſhift) That the Adoration paſſeth to the finall object, in that confeſſe under-hand tacitely, that they are Idolaters, worſhipping Wood and Stone, which is the firſt object of their adoration: which is an abomination unto the Lord, who calleth himſelfe a jealous God, and that cannot endure we ſhould any manner of way give unto the creature the honour which is due unto Him.

Many in the *Roman* Church, (that are not well inſtructed in the Doctrine of their Doctors) think aſſuredly, that the adoration of Images is *Dulia*, and the adoration of the things imagined or repreſented, to be *Latria*. But that is not their Doctrine. For they make but one adoration both of the Image and of the thing repreſented by the Image. *If we worſhip God*, (ſaith

(ſaith *Panigarole* in his leſſons, pag. 439.) *by means of the Image, God and the Image are both worſhipped with one adoration of* Latria. *And if by means of the Image we worſhip the Saint, both the Saint and the Image are worſhipped with one Adoration of* Dulia. *But it will never be proved, That the worſhip of the Image, is* Dulia, *and that of the Imagined or repreſented by the Image is* Latria; *becauſe both are but one Adoration:* Theſe are the very words of this Doctor.

In fine, We aske of our Adverſaries one expreſſe text out of the Word of God, or any one neceſſary Conſequence drawne out of the ſame, where it is commanded to make Images of God to worſhip him by them. That puts them into a grievous rage, and makes them preſently to fall to rayling in ſtead of anſwering.

We aske them again, who hath told

told them, that God may be represented by Images of Gold, Silver, Wood and Stone. *God is a Spirit*, saith Christ, *and those that worship him, must worship him in Spirit and Truth*, John 4.24. God is infinite and incomprehensible, therfore he cānotbe represented by such materiall and corporall things, it being an horrible blasphemy to go about to represent the God-head with such things. Wherefore the Prophet *Esay* cryeth aloud against such Idolaters; *To whom then will yee liken God? or what likenesse will yee compare him unto? or to whom shall I be equall, saith the holy One? Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath Created these things*, Esay 40. 18. 25. 26. And the Apostle Saint *Paul* saith, *That professing themselves to be wise, they became fooles, and changed the Glory of the uncorruptible God, into an Image*

made like to corruptible Man, and to Birds and foure-footed Beasts, Rom. 1. 22. 23.

The adoration of *Dulia*, which they give unto Saints, cannot chuse but be a great sinne, and Idolatry: For this adoration is made without any warrant out of the Word of God, and by Consequent, done without Faith, which cannot be but sinne and Idolatry.

In summe, Our Adversaries are greater Idolaters in worshipping of their Images, than the *Pagans* and ancient Idolaters were. For those had not the knowledge of the true God, and were not taught and instructed by his Word. Besides, They worshipped the Images of things which they beleeved to be gods; as of *Jupiter*, *Hercules*, *Apollo*, *Juno*, *Venus*, *Diana*, and others. But these Idolaters here, see by the Word of God, how much

much Idolatry is in abomination unto the Lord: and nevertheleſſe, they worſhip the Images of things, which as themſelves confeſſe are no gods, as of the true *Croſſe*, of the Virgin *Mary*, of Saint *Francis*, of Saint *Dominick*, and others: and are come ſo farre even as to worſhip Tabernacles, Boxes, and ſuch other like things. But if any man thinke that I accuſe them wrongfully, and lay to their charge that which they doe not teach: Let him take the paines to reade their Canons and Books, and namely, the Leſſons of *Francis Panigarolle*, a renowned Doctor amongſt them, and he ſhall finde, that the *Pagans* never came to ſuch a height of Idolatry.

CHAP. X.

That foure rules shew unto us, that there is a Figure in these words, This is my body. *And that the Transubstantiation of the bread into the body of Christ, is contrary unto the truth of God, and destroys the humane nature of Christ.* Item, *That in all Sacraments, the word,* is, *is put for* signifieth, *or* representeth.

BY that which hath been said already, It appeareth plainly, That the Doctrine of our Adversaries is altogether contrary unto the Word of God, and therfore it is no wonder, that they have forsaken the light, for to hide themselves under the darknesse of a Tradition and unwritten Word. It is true, they boast much of these

theſe Words, *This is my body:* and make a ſhew to ſticke cloſe to thoſe Foure ſmall Words of the Goſpel, upon which words they will not admit of any Figure or interpretation, but will take them at the bark of the Letter, to draw out of the ſame a Doctrine contrary unto the Analogy of Faith, and that wholy deſtroyeth the humane nature of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt. The which I will prove by theſe foure rules following, which will put us out of all doubt; For they certainly ſhew unto us when there is a Figure in any place of the holy Scripture.

The firſt is, when the matter, and the circumſtances of the preceding and ſubſequent words, ſhew that there is a Figure.

The ſecond, whether the time in which it is ſpoken, is to make a Figure.

The third, whether understanding the place literally and without a Figure, there should from thence arise an impossible thing.

The fourth, if taking it literally and without a Figure, there should follow any absurdity.

According to these foure rules, we must examine this place, *This is my body*, and see whether there be a Figure in it or no.

As for the first, the matter and the circumstances doe shew, That there is a Figure in these words, *This is my body*: For Christ was instituting of a Sacrament. Now, whatsoever is said in matters of Sacraments, ought to be understood sacramentally, and not literally. Again, The circumstances of the preceding and subsequent words doe shew also, that there is a Figure. For in the foregoing words, the Scripture saith, that Christ

Christ *took bread, brake it, and gave it.* But it is not given till after the consecration: therefore he gave bread. And to the subsequent words hee addeth these words, *This is my body, which is broken for you.* But the body of Christ was not broken in the Lords Supper; no not on the very Crosse it selfe; therefore they must be understood figuratively.

Moreover, he said, giving the Cup to his Apostles, *This Cup is the New Testament in my blood*, Luk. 21.20. the which cannot be understood without a Figure: For a Cup, or that which is in it, is not a Testament substantially.

Item, he saith, *He will drink no more of the fruit of this Vine*, Mat. 26. 29. He commandeth, *to doe that in remembrance of him*, 1. Cor. 11.24. Therefore there is a figure in these words, *This is my body.*

By the second rule it appeareth also, That there is a figure in these words, *This is my body*. For the time in which Christ instituted the holy Sacrament of his Supper, was the same time in which he would leave the World, and goe to his Father, as he testifieth of himselfe, saying, *I leave the World, and goe to the Father*, John 16.28. *I am no more in the World*, John 17. 11. *Yee have the poore with you alwaies, but me yee have not alwaies*, Mar. 14. 7. But hee willing to have his Church to make a commemoration of his death, he Instituteth a Sacrament, wherein he ordaineth bread to be broken, and the Cup to be distributed in remembrance of him; *Doe this*, saith he, *in remembrance of me. For as often as yee eate this bread, and drink this cup, yee doe shew the Lords death till he come*, 1. Cor. 11. 26. And that, to repre-

repreſent unto us, That even as the bread and wine nouriſheth our bodies in this Temporall life: So his fleſh and his blood are the food of our ſoules in the Eternall life. Therefore there is a figure in theſe words, *This is my body.*

By the third rule, it appeareth alſo clearely, that theſe words, *This is my body*, are to be underſtood figuratively. For as it is impoſſible that twice two be not foure, but three muſt bee the firſt odde number umpire: So it is likewiſe impoſſible, That a true body be in divers places at once. But the body of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt is a true body, *Like unto his brethren in all things, ſinne excepted*, ſaith the Apoſtle, *Heb.* 2. 17. Therefore it cannot be in divers places at once.

Our Adverſaries would faine cover themſelves with the omnipotency

potency of God; but it is in vain: for the queſtion is of his will, and not of his power. But it was his will that his Sonne ſhould take a true humane body, and by Conſequent, that he ſhould be in one, and not in divers places.

It is moſt true, That God is omnipotent; but he doth not all that he is able to do. For he could tranſforme the Pope into a monſter having ſeven heads, and ten hornes, and al his Diſciples into Graſhoppers: but he doth not doe it.

In a word, He will not have the body of his Sonne to be in divers places at once, becauſe there would be in him *Yea* and *Nay*. *Yea* in that he will have every phyſicall and compoſed body to be in one onely place: *Nay*, If he would have the body of his Son which is ſuch, to be in ſeverall places at once.

Moreouer, every true humane body

body is a materiall ſubſtance, that hath his naturall and inſeparable properties, one of which is to be limited, circumſcribed and contained in one certaine place. *Take away from bodies the diſtance of places*, ſaith Saint Auſtin, *and they ſhall be nowhere, and becauſe they ſhall be nowhere, they ſhall not be at all.* And ſpeaking of the body of Chriſt, he ſaith, That *if ſome ſpace be not given unto it that may contain it after the ſame manner as other bodies are, its humane nature is deſtroyed*, Epiſt. 37. *ad Dardanum.* Therefore there is a figure in theſe words, *This is my body.*

The fourth rule alſo ſhewes us very plainly, That there is a figure in theſe words, *This is my body.* For if we take them literally, and without a figure, there followeth divers abſurdities.

1 Firſt, That a body like unto ours

ours in all things, ſinne excepted, ſhould be in an infinite number of places at one and the ſame time. For they teach it is in as many places as there are Maſſes ſaid: and that it is whole in every crumme of the Hoſte, and in every drop in the Chalice, and yet budges not from Heaven: neither is it in the ſpace which is between both, and by Conſequent, that one and the ſelfe ſame body, may be higher and lower than it ſelfe, and that there is ſome diſtance between Chriſts body and the body of Chriſt.

2 Secondly, That a true body hath all its parts under one point, having the head where the feet are, the eyes, mouth, and eares altogether: and by Conſequent, it hath a length without extent, that is, a length and no length.

3 Thirdly, That Chriſt did eat him-

himſelfe, and drank his own body and blood, ſeeing (after their own Doctrine) his body is alſo in the Chalice. And that by Conſequent, he had his head in his mouth, and his whole body in his ſtomack, having the inſide out, and the outſide in, which is a thing more abſurd than if the ſcabberd were in the ſword; For being in the ſword, it were in another thing than it ſelfe. But theſe Doctors put the body of Chriſt into the body of Chriſt.

4 Fourthly, That there is a Chriſt ſuffering, and a Chriſt not ſuffering: A Chriſt crucified, and a Chriſt not crucified. For as ſoone as Chriſt had ſupped, he went to the Garden of Olives, where he ſwate great drops of blood, was apprehended, and finally, Crucified. But the ſame that was in his and the Apoſtles ſtomacks, did not ſweat great drops

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of blood, was not apprehended, nor crucified: And by Conſequent, he was not our Saviour, ſeeing he hath not ſuffered for us.

It appeareth therefore plainly by that which hath bin above ſaid, That theſe words, *This is my body*, muſt not be taken literally, but figuratively.

Nevertheleſſe, our Adverſaries are ſo wilfull and obſtinate in this, as to affirme ſtill, That theſe words muſt be taken literally and without a figure: and that the bread of the Maſſe, is tranſubſtantiated into the body of Chriſt: alledging, that God is able to doe it; but as I have ſaid already, the Queſtion is of his will, and not of his power. They ſhould have proved firſt, That it is his Truth and his Will, before they goe about to tell us of his power. There is no opinion ſo extravagant or fantaſticall,

ſticall, but may be maintained in ſaying that God is powerfull enough to make it to bee ſo. To prove a doctrine, onely becauſe God is omnipotent; is an open confeſſion of their weakeneſſe. There be ſome things that God cannot doe, becauſe he is omnipotent. He cannot lye: He cannot contradict himſelfe. Gods omnipotencie ought not to be a cloake unto Error, nor ſerve as a refuge to falſhood and Idolatry. Therefore wee muſt ſee firſt whether it bee his truth or no.

1. In the firſt place, the Apoſtle to the *Hebrewes* telleth us, that *Chriſt is like unto his brethren in all things, ſinne excepted*, Heb. 2. 16. 17. Therefore it is a thing contrarie unto the truth of God, to teach that he may be in a million of places at one and the ſame time.

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For to have a true body, and to be like unto his brethren in al things, he muſt be in one, and not in many places.

2. Himſelfe tels us that *hee leaveth the world, and goes to the Father*, John 16. 28. That *hee is no more in the world*. John 17. 11. That *we ſhall have the poore alwayes, but we ſhall not have him alwayes*. Marke 14. 7. It is therefore a thing contrary unto the truth of God, to teach that he is here on earth in a million of places at once. They anſwer to this, that we have Chriſt no more viſibly: but that wee have him inviſibly under the *Species* of the bread and wine.

But that will not ſerve their turne. For, to have Chriſt inviſibly, is ſtill to have Chriſt. That man were a lyer that ſhould ſay he had no clothes, becauſe they are

are hid in a trunke. Even ſo hee were a lyer that ſhould ſay he had not Chriſt, becauſe he is hidden under the *Species* of bread and wine. But he ſaith expreſly, *Wee ſhall not have him alwayes*; That *he leaves the World, and goes to the Father*. Sentences which ſhould be falſe if he were yet in the world betweene the hands of a Prieſt ſaying Maſſe, or lockt up in a pix or box. And as touching that which hee ſaith, *Matth.* 28. 20. That *hee ſhall be with us unto the end of the world*: That is very true: not according to his Humane nature, but according to his Divinity, power and efficacie of the holy Ghoſt, whereby he guideth, governeth, and ruleth his Church. *We have Chriſt alwayes, according to the preſence of his Majeſty*, ſaith Saint Auſtin; *but according to the preſence of his fleſh, it was truly ſaid*

unto the Apoſtles, Ye ſhall not have me alwayes, Auguſt. 50 Treatiſe upon Saint John.

3. Saint *Peter* ſaith, That *Heaven muſt containe him untill the times of reſtitution of al things, which God hath ſpoken by the mouth of all his holy Prophets ſince the world began*, Acts 3. 21. It is therefore a thing contrary unto the Truth of God, to teach that he is here on earth below in the hands of a Prieſt, in as many places as there are Maſſes ſaid.

4. In the Apoſtles Creed we beleeve and confeſſe, That *he aſcended into heaven, and ſits at the right hand of God the Father*. Item, That *from thence hee ſhall come to judge the quick and the dead*, Therefore it is a thing contrary unto the truth of God, to teach that he is here below on earth in the hands of a Prieſt, in as many places

places as there are Maſſes ſaid.

But for aſmuch as they alledge, without any reſpect to Gods truth, that it is his wil, manifeſted in theſe words *This is my body*: I wil ſhew that it is no more his will, which cannot be contrary to his truth. For the will of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt was to inſtitute a Sacrament. But in all Sacraments there ſhould be two diſtinct things; to wit, the ſigne, and the thing ſignified; the one thing terreſtriall, and the other celeſtiall. It was his wil therefore that theſe two things ſhould be in the Sacrament of the ſupper, which he inſtituted: that is, the bread and the wine, which are the ſigne and the terreſtriall thing: And his body and blood, which are the celeſtiall and ſignified thing. The ſignes received by the corporal mouth, and the thing ſignified by faith, according to

that which the Apoſtle ſaith, *Chriſt dwelleth in your hearts by faith.* Epheſ. 3. 17. Whereupon it followeth that it was not his will, that the bread and wine ſhould be tranſubſtantiated into his body, which they ſhould ſignifie. And indeed, he did not ſay, *this is tranſubſtantiated into my body*: but only, *This is my body.* And that conformably unto the ſtyle of the holy Scripture, which giveth alwayes to the ſigne the name of the thing ſignified, uſing in all Sacraments the word *is* for *ſignifieth.*

But foraſmuch as all the difficulty lyeth upon this word *is*, to know whether it ought to be taken properly, or by *ſignifieth* in this enunciation, *this is my body*: I prove that it ought not to be taken properly, but by *ſignifieth*. Here is my argument. If in all Sacraments, the ſignes doe beare

beare the name of the things signified: *Item*, if the word *is*, is put for *signifieth* or *representeth*: It followeth that the bread and the wine, which are signes in the Sacrament of the Lords Supper, ought to beare the name of the body and blood of Christ. *Item*, that the word *is*, is put for *signifieth* or *representeth*. But the first proposition is true. Here are my proofes.

1. The Circumcision was a Sacrament among the Jewes, that signified the Covenant of God, as it is said in the 17 of *Genesis*, vers. 10. 2. 4. 7. *Every man-childe among you shall be circumcised, and ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin, and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt mee and you.* But in the same chapter this Circumcision is called the Covenant it selfe, *I will make my Covenant*

betweene me and thee. As for mee, behold my Covenant is with thee. I will eſtabliſh my Covenant betweene me and thee. All that is ſaid of the Circumciſion; it was then called the Covenant, of the name of the thing whereof it was a ſigne. So Chriſt following the ſtyle of the holy Scripture, did call the bread his body.

2. The Paſchall Lambe was alſo a Sacrament among the Jews, which repreſented the paſſeover of the Angel that paſſed by in Egypt. Nevertheleſſe it is called even the paſſeover it ſelfe. *And thus ſhall ye eate it: with your loynes girded, your ſhooes on your feet, and your ſtaffe in your hand: and ye ſhall eate it in haſte: for it is the Lords paſſeover.* Exod. 12. 11.

3. The Arke of the Covenant was alſo a Sacrament among the Jewes; which repreſented the Lord:

Lord : but it is called the Lord himſelfe in the Word of God, as we ſee in theſe words, *And David aroſe and went with all the people that were with him, from Baal of Juda to bring up from thence the Arke of God whoſe name is called by the name of the Lord of hoſtes that dwelleth upon it betweene the Cherubins*, 2 Sam. 6.2.

4. The Rock from which came out waters in the Wilderneſſe, was alſo a ſigne and a ſacrament among the Jewes, that ſignified the refection and ſpirituall food which the faithfull have in our Lord Jeſus Chriſt: but it is called Chriſt, even by Saint *Paul. Our Fathers did all eate the ſame ſpirituall meate : and did all drinke the ſame ſpirituall drink : for they all drank of that ſpirituall rock that followed them: and that Rock was Chriſt*, 1. Cor. 10. 3.4.

Panigarolle in his Leſſons, page 477. deceiveth himſelfe groſſly, being of opinion that in this place Chriſt is called a rock, and therefore that this word *was*, is to be taken for *being*, and not for *ſignifying*. 1. For if it were the ſence and meaning of the Apoſtle, he would not have ſaid that the rock was Chriſt, but that Chriſt was the rocke. 2. Alſo he would not have ſaid in the paſſive tenſe *was*, but in the preſent tenſe *is*: For he is alwayes both the fundamentall and chiefe corner ſtone of the Church.

3. To diſcerne the truth, wee muſt but conſider the words of the Apoſtle: for hee ſaith That our Fathers *did all eate of the ſame ſpirituall meate, and did all drinke of the ſame ſpirituall drinke*, 1. Cor. 10. 2. But this ſpirituall meate was the *Manna*. *Exod.* 16. 15. which

which he calleth ſpirituall becauſe it was a figure of Chriſt: Likewiſe, this ſpirituall drinke, was the water iſſuing forth of the rock. *Exod.* 17. 6. *Numb.* 20. 10. 11. which alſo he calleth ſpirituall drinke, becauſe its ſignification was ſpirituall. But as by this ſpirituall meat, Saint *Paul* did not meane Chriſt himſelfe: So by this ſpirituall drinke he did not underſtand Chriſt himſelfe, but the water that flowed out of the Rock. It is therefore cleare enough, that this Rock whereof he ſpeaketh, is the ſame whence the waters flowed in the Wilderneſſe, which he calleth Chriſt, becauſe it was a figure of Chriſt.

The which is plainely ſhewed in the foregoing words of *Sea*, and *Cloude*. For the *Sea*, the *Cloude*, and the *Rock* are uſed in one and the ſelfe ſame kind, and to one and

and the selfe same end. Even so then as it was a true Sea, and a true cloude: so this Rock was a true Rock. And it is said it followed the people: because the streames of waters that issued forth of this Rock, followed this people a long time in the Wilderness.

Againe, Christ saith, That *he is the true Vine*, John 15.1. That *he is the doore of the Sheep*, John 10. 7. And Saint *Paul* saith, That *the bread which we break, is the Communion of the body of Christ*, 1. Cor. 10. 16. Howbeit the bread is not the Communion it selfe, but a Sacrament thereof.

As for Baptisme, S. *Paul* saith, That *by it we are buried with Christ*, Rom. 6. 4. Col. 2. 12. because it representeth the death of the old man, and of our naturall corruption.

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But without going from the Sacrament, whereof we now treat, there is sufficient matter to shew plainly, That in these words, *This is my body*, the word *is*, is put for *signifieth*, or *representeth*: For Christ saith, *This is my body which is broken for you*. But if we should here take this word *is*, properly and without a figure, it would follow, That the body of Christ was broken at the Sacrament of the Lords Supper: which is a thing contrary unto the Word of God, that saith, *He was not broken, that the Scripture should be fulfilled which saith, that a bone of him shall not be broken*, John 19.33.36.

Now we must note, That this word *is*, is found here twise in the same place, and within three words one of another, viz. *This is my body, which is broken for you, &c.* These subtill Doctors, enemies of figures,

figures, will take the first properly, and without a figure, in these words, *This is my body*: but in the words following, *which is broken for you, &c.* they take it figuratively, saying, that *breaking* is attributed to the body of Christ, because the *species* which cover it, are broken by the Priest, that is to say, the colour, the quantity, the measures. A brave subtilty; for according to this Doctrine, an arme shall be broken, because the sleeve that containeth it, is broken.

But here is yet more. S. *Luke*, and S. *Paul* say, That *the Cup is the New Testament, &c.* Luk. 22. 20. 1. Cor. 11. 25. Out of which we draw this infallible conclusion. If the Cup, or that which is in the Cup, cannot be the new Testament substantially, but onely Sacramentally: It followeth, that this

this word *is*, ought to be expounded in this place for *signifieth* or *reprefenteth*. But the firſt is true; Therefore the laſt alſo.

Our Adverſaries deny the Antecedent: affirming, That the Cup or that which is in the Cup, is the New Teſtament properly, and without a figure: and perceiving very well, that the bread is the Lords body in the ſame kind as the Cup is the New Teſtament: and that if the word, *is*, muſt be expounded for *ſignifieth* or *repreſenteth*, in this enunciation, *This Cup is the New Teſtament, &c.* that it muſt be expounded ſo in this enunciation, *This is my body*.

But this hole is too little to creep out at. For behold, Saint *Mathew* ſaith, That *this blood is the blood of the New Teſtament*, Mat. 26. 28. Therefore it is not the New Teſtament. For even as the foure corner

corner Cap of a Jesuite is not a Jesuite: so the blood of the New Testament, is not the New Testament.

Adde moreover, that our Adversaries tell us, That the New Testament is founded upon the blood which they say is in the Chalice. Therefore by their own Doctrine, it is not the New Testament: for one thing founded upon another, is not the same thing with it.

In summe, Christ saith, *This Cup is the New Testament in my blood.* Therefore it is not his blood; For a thing which is in another, is not the same thing in which it is.

By so many expresse texts, and invincible reasons, is this proposition evidently proved; That in all Sacraments, the signes do beare the name of the thing signified; and that this word *is*, is put for *signifieth* or *representeth*; and Consequently,

ſequently, that the bread and wine, remaining ſtill bread and wine, at the Sacrament of the Lords ſupper, doe beare the name of the body and blood of Chriſt whom they ſignifie. And therefore the meaning of theſe words, *this is my body*, is, *This ſignifieth* or *repreſenteth my body* : as divers Fathers have expounded it, and namely, Saint *Auſtin* in theſe words : *The Lord made no difficulty to ſay, This is my body, when he gave the ſigne of his body. Auſtin* againſt *Adimentus* chap. 12. And *Tertullian* alſo in theſe words : *Chriſt having taken bread and diſtributed it to his Diſciples, made it to be his body, ſaying this is my body*, that is, *the figure of my body*, *Tertullian* contra *Marcion*, chap. 40. Whereby it appeareth that this popiſh doctrin is no leſſe contrary unto the wil of God than unto his truth manifeſted in his Word.

CHAP.

CHAP. XI.

That it is not enough (for to have Eternall life) to eate Christs flesh: but that we must also drinke his blood; And therefore all Christians indifferently ought to communicate under both kindes, according to the Commandement of Christ, and the Apostle Saint Paul.

THE Pope and his Associats doe keepe men easily in their Idolatry and false doctrines, by these two meanes. The first, in holding them in a more than brutish ignorance, using them like beasts. The second, by sweet alluring speeches wherewith they cover the poyson which theygive unto the simple to drink. It is a thing worthy of compassi-

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on to see sometimes these Doctors in the Pulpit torment themselves, gnash their teeth for anger, and spew out a thousand injuries, slanders, & forg'd imputations against the good servants of God, and especially against *Calvin*. For the very remembrance of the name of that good Doctor, is able to make them stark mad: mingling in their sermons among their injuries, some words of Piety, recommendation, and praise of good workes, to amuse their hearers, and entertaine them in that opinion, that they preach a true, and wholesome doctrine. This is the cause that Papists sometimes doe intreat us to goe heare their sermons. O silly people, ye have not yet learned what the depths of Satan are, that can transforme himselfe into an Angel of light for to seduce men. *Apoc.* 2.24. Ye

hearken not to Christs warning, when he saith, *Beware of false Prophets which come to you in sheepes clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolfes.* Math. 7. 15. Ye know not that *Antichrist hath two hornes like a Lambe, but speaketh as a Dragon.* Apoc. 13. 11. Poore seduced people that feed your selves with shewes of good, wherewith they hide the falshood which they give you, without inquiring of the truth, so easie to be found in the Word of God to confound your Doctors. Aske them but where it is commanded in the Word of God to deprive Lay men and women from the Communion of the Cup, as they doe; and ye shal make them as dumb as fishes.

Those red Hats, and fur'd Hoods, assembled at the Councels of *Constance* and *Trente*, acknowledge in the thirteenth and fifth Sessions of

of the ſaid Councels, That Chriſt did inſtitute the Sacrament of the Supper under both kinds of bread and wine, and delivered it ſo to his Diciples: Confeſſing moreover that the uſe of both kindes was very frequent and ordin ry in the beginning of Chriſtian Religion; and yet nevertheleſſe, they are ſo bold and impudent as to put an *Anathema* upon him that ſhall ſay that all and every one of the Faithfull ought to receive under both kindes the Sacrament of the Euchariſt, by the commandement of God. Declaring that this cuſtome of receiving under one kinde, ought to be held as a Law: forbidding every Chriſtian to beleeve or teach otherwiſe. Behold how theſe Doctors have banded themſelves openly againſt Chriſt, whom they have Anathematiſed with the Apoſtle Saint

Paul. Our Lord, for saying unto his Disciples when he gave them the Cup, *Drinke yee all of it*: Math. 26. 27. And the Apostle, for commanding to every one of the Corinthians, *to examine himselfe, and so eate of this bread and drinke of this cup.* 1. Corinth. 11. 28.

Now, because this is sufficient to make it appeare that the Pope is contrary unto Christ, they labour to put off this blow, alledging that Christ spake to none but to his Apostles, which were pastours; and so, that this priviledge of receiving under both kindes, belongs to Priests onely, and not to Lay men; but they cannot shun it so; for if Christ command all his Disciples to doe that which he had done in the supper: It followeth that all his Disciples indifferently ought to communicate under

der both kinds; but the firſt is true, *doe* (ſaith he) *this in remembrance of me.* 1. Cor. 11. 24. Therefore the laſt alſo.

And ſeeing that the Jeſuites at this day, beſides the Conſequences drawne out of the Word of God, doe aske of us ſtill ſome expreſſe Texts and Arguments whereof the two firſt propoſitions be in the Scriptures: Here be ſome.

Whoſoever bids every man to examine himſelfe, and ſo eate of this Bread and drink of this Cup: commandeth all the Faithfull indifferently to communicate under both kinds.

But Saint Paul *commandeth every one to examine himſelfe, and ſo eate of this Bread, and drink of this Cup,* 1. Cor. 11. 28. *Therefore he commandeth al the Faithful, indifferently to communicate under both kinds.*

Again, *Whoſoever ſaith in the Sa-*

crament of the Lords Supper, Drink yee all of it: biddeth every one to drinke of this Cup, 1. Cor. 11. 28.

But Christ in the Sacrament of the Eucharist saith, Drink yee all of it. Math. 26. 27.

Therefore he commandeth every one to drink of this Cup, 1. Cor. 11.

Behold some expresse texts and cõsequences drawn out of the pure Word of God, for the proofe of our Doctrine, and condemnation of that of our Adversaries.

Our Adversaries on their part, produce some places, by which they pretend to prove, that Christ and the Apostles have given the Communion under the *species* of Bread onely.

First they produce a place out of Saint *Luke*, who saith, That in *Emaus, as Christ sate at meat with the two Disciples, He took Bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them,*

them; and that there is no mention made that he gave them the Cup. *Luke* 24.

Moreover they bring in two other places in the Acts of the Apostles, whereof the first saith, That *The Disciples did continue in the Apostles doctrine, and in the communion and breaking of bread*; and the other, That *the Disciples were gathered together to break bread.* Acts 2. 42. and chap. 20. 7. From which places they doe inferre, That it is in the power of the Church to take away the Cup from the Lay people: since in these places there is no mention made of the Cup, but of the bread onely.

To which I answer, 1. That I have already brought expresse texts out of the Word of God, whereby it is expressly commanded to all Christians to drinke of

the cup in the Sacrament of the Lords Supper: and therefore that it is not in the Churches power to take away the cup from the Lay people.

2. It is a manifeſt impiety to make uſe of the Word of God for to oppoſe and contradict the ſame word, pulling for that purpoſe ſome texts as it were by the haire and againſt their true meaning, to eſtabliſh a doctrine contrary unto expreſſe textes: which is an ordinary thing with theſe Romiſh Doctors, as appeareth here in this place, where they oppoſe the texts here above mentioned, to theſe two expreſſe and plaine texts. *Drinke yee all of it.* Math. 26. *Let every man examine himſelfe, and ſo let him drink of this cup.* 1. Cor. 11. 3.

That even from theſe places produced by them, no man can inferre

ferre that it is in the power of the Church to take away the Cup from the people. 1. For in that of Saint *Lukes*, it is not ſpoken of the Sacrament of the Lords Supper, but of a common repaſt, at which it was Chriſts accuſtomed manner to breake the bread with giving of thanks, as you may ſee in Saint *Math.* 14. 19. and in S. *Luke* 9. 16.

2. That though the Sacrament of the Euchariſt were meant in theſe places, it were no good conſequence to ſay: *In theſe places there is no mention made, but of breaking of bread: Therefore there was no wine:* For under the word *Bread*, the Scripture ſignifieth all things neceſſary for life, as you may ſee in theſe places of the Word of God. *Gen.* 37. 35. and chap. 43. 31. 32. 34. And though I ſay I did eate with ſuch a one, It doth not

not follow that I dranke not with him.

3. That if in these places the Sacrament of the Lords supper be meant, and there was no wine at it: It followeth that neither Christ nor the Apostles dranke at it, and consequently that Priests are no more bound than the Lay people to communicate under both kindes. But *de Raconis* denyeth it in a Treatise he made upon the conversion of *Monsieur de Colincourt*, page 87. saying, That *the Apostles were bound to celebrate under both kindes of bread and wine severally, to represent the separation that was made on the Crosse of the blood of Christ from his body.*

Now for to prove their Transubstantiation, these Doctors produce some places out of the sixt of Saint *John*, where there is never a word spoken of the Eucha-

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riſt, but of Chriſts fleſh given upon the Croſſe for the life of the World; not perceiving that by this meanes they even overthrow themſelves. For here are Chriſts words, *Except you eate the fleſh of the Sonne of man, and drinke his blood, yee have no life in you. Whoſoever eateth my fleſh and drinketh my blood, hath eternall life.* John 6. 53. 54. If theſe words be meant of the Euchariſt: It followeth they deprive the people of life, taking from them the Cup.

Moreover, it is not enough to eate the fleſh of Chriſt by faith under the ſigne of bread, but we muſt alſo drinke his blood ſpiritually by faith under the ſigne of the wine, ſeeing Chriſt hath inſtituted this holy Sacrament under both ſignes of bread and wine; the one to be broken, and the other to be ſhed or powred forth in

in remembrance of him: the which he chiefly recommmended of the Cup, saying, *Drinke yee all of it.* Math. 26: and even as if he would have remedied the error that afterwards crept into the Church; *viz.* in taking away against his precept, the halfe of that holy sacrament. And therefore it is to no purpose to alledge the concomitancie. For, to eate a morsell of bread in forme of a Wafer, is not to drinke Christs blood as hee biddeth it expresly, saying, That *Except we drinke his blood, we have no life in us.* John 6.

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CHAP. XII.

That the pretended Sacrifice of the Masse was onely established for to annihilate the power and efficacy of the Sacrifice of the Crosse. And that there is but one onely Sacrificator sacrificing expiatorily in the Evangelicall Law, to wit, Jesus Christ our Lord.

BRiefly, whosever shall consider the Popes Doctrine, and of his Disciples, he shall see plainly, That it tendeth onely to debase the merit and vertue of the death and passion of our Lord Jesus Christ: as you may observe by the Doctrine of their pretended sacrifice of the Masse. For these Doctors teach, that it is a second sacrifice of Christ, propitiatory both for the quicke and for the dead,

dead; which is plainly to deny that the Sacrifice of the Croſſe hath the power and efficacy to take away ſinnes, unleſſe it be reiterated. But the Apoſtle Saint *Paul* teacheth us plainly, that the ſacrifice of the Croſſe, hath at once taken ſin wholly away, when he ſaith, That *by the wil of God we are ſanctified through the offering of the body of Jeſus Chriſt once for all. By one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are ſanctified.* And he addeth yet another ſentence, that cutteth up this Error by the very roots. Now, *where remiſſion of theſe is, there is no more offering for ſin*, Heb. 10. 10. 14. 18. He meaneth by theſe things, the tranſgreſſion of the Law of God. But in the Sacrifice of the Croſſe there is forgiveneſſe of theſe things: Therefore there is no more oblation for ſinne.

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Against such cleare places, these Doctors arme themselves with a false distinction of Sacrifice, which they could never yet prove, neither out of any expresse text taken out of the Word of God, or necessary Consequence drawn out of the same. They say, that there is no more bloody sacrifice for sin; but that there is an unbloody sacrifice, according to the order of *Melchisedeck*, for the continuall application of the merit of the sacrifice of the Crosse.

But this distinction is not able to take them off the hooks. For, the Apostle saying expressely, That there is no more oblation for sin, sheweth us plainly, That there is no other propitiatory sacrifice for sinne, of what kind soever, but that of the Crosse. It is therefore their part, that goe about to give the Apostle the lye, to prove that

that distinction, shewing by expresse texts, or at least by necessary consequences drawne out of the pure Word of God, that we ought to sacrifice againe the body of Christ unbloodily, to apply the merit of his bloody sacrifice: which thing they are never able to doe.

For to attaine to this proofe, some of them argue thus: Christ is a sacrificator after the order of *Melchisedeck*; but *Melchisedeck* offered an unbloody sacrifice: for he offered bread and wine. Therefore Christ after the same order, hath offered an unbloody sacrifice, when he hath offered himselfe under the *Species* of bread and wine. And therefore the distinction of bloody and unbloody sacrifice is true.

We grant the *Major*, but wee deny the *Minor*, which is grounded

ded upon a falshood. Wee doe not finde in any place of holy Scripture, that *Melchisedeck* offered to God bread and wine. Wee reade in the 14 of *Genesis*, vers. 18. that he brought unto *Abraham* bread and wine for to feede and refresh him and his men that were wearied and travayl'd as they came from the defeat of the Kings: But there is not a word there that *Melchisedeck* offered bread and wine unto God. And therefore the conclusion of this argument is false, and by consequent also this pretended distinction of bloody and unbloody sacrifice.

Now I will shew hereafter wherein consists this order of *Melchisedeck*, according to which order Christ is an everlasting Sacrificator. At this present, I will presse our Adversaries upon this pretended application, which is

the last refuge of falshood brought to the baye upon her back.

We say then that in this pretended application, our Adversaries grant under hand tacitely, that the Masse is not the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. For, if it be but the application of Christs sacrifice: It followeth it is not Christs sacrifice. For even as the application of a plaster is not a plaster; so the application of Christs sacrifice, is not Christs sacrifice.

And here these Doctors confesse freely againe that the Masse is not Christs sacrifice. For they say that every true sacrifice requireth that the thing offered be destroyed and consumed: Whereupon we build this argument.

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They yeeld us that too, but to their confusion; for say we,

If the thing offered in the Masse, be destroyed and consumed, and this thing offered is the body of Christ: It followeth that the body of Christ is destroyed and consumed in the Masse. It is not true, say they, but it is the *Species* of bread and wine that are destroyed and consumed: that is, the color, the taste, the roundnesse and quantity of the bread and wine. They confesse therefore freely that the Masse is not Christs sacrifice, seeing that he is not destroyed, but onely a sacrifice of roundnesses, of measures, of lines, of castles in the ayre, well befitting such a Religion, wherein all is nothing but Maske and hypocrisie.

Moreover, the application of

a thing, is not the thing applyed. As for example, The water of the Bath is applyed by meanes of the channel or conduit-pipe: Yet it is not the pipe. Physicke is administred with a cup or vessel, but it is not the vessel: and so of all other things. But contrariwise, these suttle Doctors will have the application and the thing applyed to be one and the selfe same thing. For they say that Christs sacrifice is applyed by the sacrifice of the same Christ. But they have not cunning enough yet to perswade us that although the Masse were good, it could be both the Physicke and the vessel together.

But, say our Adversaries, doe we an injury to the physick by applying it with the vessell? doe we wrong to the water of the Bath, when we receive it by the channel?

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doe we wrong to the bloody ſacrifice, in applying it by the unbloody ſacrifice?

Yea Doctors, ye doe wrong to the Phyſick, when ye attribute unto the veſſel the vertue of healing, which is onely proper to the phyſicke. Ye doe wrong to the water of the Bath, when ye attribute unto the conduit-pipe the cure which the water onely worketh. Likewiſe ye doe wrong to the ſacrifice of the Croſſe, when yee attribute to your pretended ſacrifice of the Maſſe the vertue to expiate ſinnes, as if the other alone were inſufficient.

Wee hold therefore, that Chriſt cannot bee offered againe in ſacrifice for the forgiveneſſe of ſinnes, without making voyde the vertue and efficacy of the ſacrifice of the Croſſe. For of two plaſters, either the one

is sufficient to heale the wound, or both are requisite and necessary. If the one be sufficient, the other is superfluous. If both are requisite and necessary: it followeth that one is not sufficient. Let us say then, if there be two propitiatory sacrifices for the remission of sinnes, the one bloody, and the other unbloody: The one of the two is sufficient, or both are requisite and necessary. If the one be sufficient, the other is superfluous. If both are requisite and necessary: It followes that one alone is insufficient. So that admitting two propitiatory sacrifices, the one bloody, the other unbloody, is to deny that the sacrifice of the Crosse hath the vertue alone to expiate sins.

The Word of God doth not teach us that there is two different sacrifices of Christ, the one bloody

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the other unbloody. The Apoſtle to the *Hebrewes* imployeth many leafes to declare this point, and treating fully of the Prieſthood in the Chriſtian Church, he there makes no mention at all of the Sacrament of the Lords Supper.

Finally, our Adverſaries affirme that the Maſſe is an unbloody propitiatory ſacrifice inſtituted by Chriſt, both for the quick and for the dead. Enquired where he inſtituted it: they bring theſe words, *Doe this*. Admirable proofe! *Doe this*, that is to ſay, ſacrifice me really under the kindes of bread and wine in propitiatory ſacrifice both for the quicke and for the dead. That is a good gloſſe. But by theſe words *Doe this*, Chriſt commandeth to doe that which he did at the Supper. Therefore they ſhould have prooved firſt that

Christ did at the Lords Supper sacrifice himselfe to God his Father, which he did not doe. Nevertheless, some of them doe go about to prove it, alleadging the words which our Lord saith in Saint *Luke*, *This is my body which is given for you*. Luke 22. 19. Where given, say they? not on the Crosse: for he was not yet there; but under the *Species* of bread and wine at the same instant, and even while he pronounced these words: Whereupon they conclude that Christ offered himselfe to God his Father at the supper.

I answer, that these words *which is given for you, &c.* prove no manner of way that Christ offered himselfe to God his Father in the sacrament. For he offered onely to his Disciples, saying unto them *Take*. But he offereth nothing to God, he maketh no Elevation of

an Hoſte. Moreover, Adoration is a neceſſary action in all Sacrifices: but the Apoſtles worſhipped not the bread which Chriſt gave unto them, but remained at table with him: which ſheweth, they did not think that bread to be tranſubſtantiated into the body of Chriſt. For otherwiſe, it had been an extreame irreverence in them not to worſhip that which Chriſt did preſent unto them.

And for that he ſaith in the Preſent tenſe, *which is given for you, &c.* we ſee he ſpeaketh often of his approaching death, as if it were preſent; *I lay down*, ſaith he, *my life for my ſheep*, John 10. 15. 17. 18. *I leave my life that I may take it again. Father, I have finiſhed the work which thou gaveſt me to doe*, John 17. 4. Nevertheleſſe, there remained the principall thing, to wit, his death upon the Croſſe.

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The Lambe was ſlain from the foundation of the World, Apoc. 13. 8. *I ſend you* (ſaith God by the Prophet *Malachy*) *the Prophet* Eliah, Mal. 4. 3. that is, I will ſend you *John* the *Baptiſt*; which was not done of a long time after. If therefore a thing ſo farre off, was ſaid as if it were preſent: how much more ſhall that be thought preſent, which is to be done at hand? There is nothing ſo frequent in the word of God as the changing of tenſes: So as very often, the Paſt, or the Preſent, is taken for the future. Thus Chriſt ſpeaketh of the Sacrifice of the Croſſe, on which he gave himſelf for the life of the World.

Some others argue thus; All effuſion of blood for the Remiſſion of ſinnes, is a propitiatory Sacrifice: But Chriſt ſaith that his blood is ſhed in the Euchariſt for the

the Remiſſion of ſinnes: Therefore the Euchariſt is a propitiatory Sacrifice.

I anſwer, That the two firſt propoſitions of this Argument are falſe, as alſo the concluſion, in the ſence that our Adverſaries take it in. Firſt, it is falſe that an effuſion of blood is a propitiatory Sacrifice for the Remiſſion of ſinnes: Unleſſe that blood be offered unto God with the death of the Sacrifice. But Chriſt offered nothing unto God in the Euchariſt, nor yet ſuffered death thereat.

Again, It is falſe that Chriſt did ſhed his blood in the Euchariſt. For it was not ſhed, but on the Croſſe: and it is of that ſhedding he ſpeaketh, ſaying, *This Cup is the New Teſtament in my blood, which is ſhed for you.* And to reply that there is in the preſent tenſe, *is ſhed*, and not in the future *ſhal be ſhed*:

shed: is to no purpose. For I have above stopt this passage, in shewing out of divers places of the holy Scriptures, that this word, *is*, is oftentimes taken in the Future. And indeed, the Latine Bible of the *Roman* Church, and the Canon of the Masse, turnes it in the Future, *qui pro vobis effundetur*, *which shall be shed for you*.

But it is worthy of Note, to see how our Adversaries grant without difficulty, that which they so painfully deny. For when we aske of them, whether Christs blood came out of the veins in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, or no? They answer, It did not come out of the veins. Then it was not shed there, say we. For a thing is not shed while it remaineth inclosed in the vessell that containeth it. And besides, they call the Masse an unbloody Sacrifice. Nevertheless, con-

contradicting themſelves groſſely, they will not give over writing and affirming that Chriſt ſhed his blood there. We aske them then, how, and after what manner it is ſhed in the Maſſe. They anſwer, It is ſhed under the *ſpecies* of the wine. Then, ſay we, It is ſhed. It is not, ſay they; It is but the accidents of the wine onely that are ſhed. Now I leave it to the judgement of all men, whether this be not with one breath to deny, and affirme both together. Why then do they tell us that it is ſhed, for to tell us preſently after that it is not ſhed, but that the onely accidents of wine are ſhed? They have bin brought to lay the like abſurdity upon theſe words, *which is broken for you*, being forced to maintain that the body of Chriſt is broken, becauſe the *ſpecies* that cõtain him, are broken. The concluſion which they

they draw from this argument, is alſo falſe. For they conclude, that the Euchariſt is a propitiatory Sacrifice for ſin, both for the quick and for the dead: which is not ſo, but onely a Sacrifice of thankſgiving: for there is but one propitiatory Sacrifice for ſinne, which is that of the Croſſe.

Now, even as there is but one onely expiatory Sacrifice, ſo there is but one onely Prieſt ſacrificing expiatorily, to wit, Chriſt Jeſus our Lord. There were many under the Law, becauſe they were hindered by death from remaining: but our Lord Jeſus Chriſt remaining a Prieſt for ever, and which cannot be hindered by death, needeth no other Prieſt to be appointed in his roome.

And it is here that theſe new ſacrificers labour in vain to prove their pretended calling: For it is

an imaginary charge, which was never eſtabliſhed by Chriſt, nor practiſed by the Apoſtles. Behold how they argue.

Chriſt ſaid to his Diſciples, *As my Father hath ſent me, ſo I ſend you.* But Chriſt was ſent of the Father to ſacrifice under the kindes of bread and wine, after the order of *Melchiſedeck*. Therefore he ſent his Apoſtles to ſacrifice under the *ſpecies* of bread and wine according to this order; and Conſequently, hath made them Prieſts.

I anſwer, That if it be falſe that *Melchiſedeck* did ſacrifice bread and wine: It followeth, it is as falſe that Chriſt ſent his Apoſtles to ſacrifice him under the kinds of bread and wine: but the firſt is true. I have proved it already plainely here above: therefore the laſt alſo.

But to make the Error of this allegation appear the more plainly,

ly, we must but adde this to the second proposition of their Argument. As Christ was sent of his Father, so he sent his Apostles. But Christ was sent of his Father to be a King, a Prophet, and for to sacrifice himself for the Redemption of many. Therefore he sent his Apostles to be Kings, prophets, and to sacrifice themselves for the Redemption of many. Who sees not the error and falshood of such a proposition? This word, *as*, therfore, must not be understood of the Kingly, or Propheticall Office, and Priesthood of Christ. It is a presumption and temerity for men to assume unto themselves such titles: but onely for the preaching of the Gospel, administring of Sacraments, and things which onely regard the Ministery. Christ gave them not any other Office.

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And as touching the Order of *Melchiſedeck*, after which Chriſt is a Prieſt for ever: It is not in regard of the ſacrifices, but in regard of the perſons ſacrificing. The Apoſtle teacheth it plainly, handling the compariſon between Chriſt and *Melchiſedeck*. In the firſt place, he ſaith, *Heb.* 7. 2. That Melchiſedeck *is by Interpretation, King of Righteouſneſſe*, and alſo, *King of Peace*: which are titles belonging to Chriſt, and which the Prophets alſo give him. For he is King of Righteouſneſſe, becauſe he abſolves and Juſtifies us by his obedience before God his Father. He is alſo King of Peace, becauſe that making our peace and reconciliation, he directeth us into the way of everlaſting peace. The Apoſtle goes on, and ſaith, That *this* Melchiſedeck *was without Father, without Mother, and without*

descent, having neither beginning of daies, nor end of life: but being made like unto the Sonne of God, abideth a Priest for ever. Behold then wherin consisteth the agreement and similitude between our Lord Jesus Christ and *Melchisedeck*, which is not in the matter of the thing sacrificed, but in the Order and Calling of the persons sacrificing: which is proved again plainely in this, that Christ is a Priest for ever after that Order of *Melchisedeck*. For if this Order were and did consist in the pretended sacrfice of the Masse: Then it would follow, that Christ should not be a Priest for ever, seeing the Masse shall not endure for ever.

Therefore, Even as the same *Melchisedeck* was not head of any Order of Priesthood, but onely a Priest after his own Order under the Law: So Christ the onely Priest

Prieſt under the Evangelical Law, needeth not to have a company of Prieſts ſacrificing expiatorily; and therefore that infinite number of Sacrificers eſtabliſhed in the Church of Rome for to ſacrifice againe our Lord Jeſus Chriſt to God his Father, ſtandes convinced of having no calling. Seeing they have intruded themſelves into that Office without any commandment from God, taking nuto themſelves in ſo doing, the honour which belongeth to none but to our Lord and Saviour: it not belonging at all unto the creature to ſacrifice the Creator; or for men ſinners, to ſacrifice the Lambe without ſin.

CHAP. XIII.

*That S.*Peter *was not eſtabliſhed by Chriſt head of the Univerſal Church, and Prince of the Apoſtles, and Conſequently, that the Pope (who challengeth this Title but as S.*Peters *ſucceſſor) hath intruded himſelfe into that office, without any lawfull calling: and ſheweth himſelfe to be Antichriſt, in doing quite contrary to that which Chriſt and S.*Peter *did.*

TO be ſhort, It ſeemeth that our Adverſaries wil be Chriſtians no longer: having not only forſaken the Doctrin, but the very name alſo, for to take the name of Catholicks. God in his Juſtice would not ſuffer that they ſhould retain the name which belongeth onely to true Chriſtians, that follow his word, and truſt in his promiſes. For to be a true Chriſtian,

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it is not enough to beleeve onely that there is a Christ: but we must rely on his promises, and receive him such as he was given unto us of the Father, that is, for our salvation, righteousnesse and satisfaction for our sinnes. But our Adversaries doe not receive him so, seeing they have established their righteousnesse in their own works, by which they thinke to deserve the kingdome of God. They will say indeed, that his blood shed upon the Crosse is our Purgatory: but they doe establish another in an Imaginary fire. They say that the sacrifice he made upon the Crosse hath taken away our sinnes: but they have established another sacrifice to blot them away againe; and all against the Word of God. Therefore they cannot boast that they are Christians, but rather Antichristians, that have rejected the

true Doctrine, for to embrace and follow the Doctrine of the Pope of Rome, who opposeth and exalteth himselfe above all that is called God, or that is worshipped: So that he as God, sitteth in the Temple of God shewing himselfe that he is God, 2. *Thes.* 2. 4.

But for as much as the Popes Disciples do cloak this mystery of iniquity with some places of Scripture, wherby they pretend to prove that S. *Peter* was established Head of the Universall Church, and Prince of the Apostles; because they would maintaine the Pope, who by cunning hath intruded himself into that office: I wil shew in few words that Saint *Peter* was not Prince of the Apostles, nor head of the Universall Church, as they say.

In the first place, the Word of God tels us, That our Lord Jesus Christ

Christ is the Head of his Church. *God hath put all things* (saith S. *Paul*) *under his feet: and gave him to be the head over all things to the Church, which is his body.* Again, *He is the head of the body, the Church: who is the beginning, the first born from the dead: that in all things he might have the preeminence*, Ephes. 1. 22. 23. Colos. 1. 18. By these places it appeares, that S. *Peter* was not Head of the Church; For Shee which is but one body, cannot have two heads. And it is to no purpose to say that Christ is the essential head, but that S. *Peter* was the Ministeriall head: For it is still to make a monster of the Church, in giving her two heads.

Moreover, if S. *Peter* was ministeriall head of the Church, and Prince of the Apostles, It must be by the institution of Christ: and if it be by Christs institution, this

institution is to be found in the word of God. Moreover, S. *Peter* must needs have exercised that office, or else it would have brought a confusion in the Church. But on the contrary, the word of God, sheweth us, That Christ did not appoint *Peter* to bee head of the Church, nor Prince of the Apostles. *Item*, That S. *Peter* did never exercise that office, as I shall prove by these texts and reasons following.

As for the first point, S. *Paul* teacheth us, That *our Lord for the gathering of the Saints, for the work of the Ministery, and for the edification of his body, hath given some Apostles, and some Prophets, and some Pastors and Teachers*, Ephes. 4. 11. And in another place: *God hath set some in the Church: First Apostles, secondly Prophets, thirdly Teachers*, 1. Cor. 12. 28. He maketh no mention at all

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But let us learn of S. *Peter* himſelfe whether there ſhould be in the Church a Prince among the Apoſtles or no. *I exhort* (ſaith he, he doth not ſay, I command) *the Elders that are among you; I that am an Elder with you* (he doth not ſay above them) *and a witneſſe of the ſufferings of Chriſt. Feed the flocke of God which is among you, taking*

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the overſight thereof, not by conſtraint, but willingly: not for filthy lucre, but of a ready minde; neither as being Lords (marke, as being Lords) *over Gods heritage: but being enſamples to the Flocke*, 1.Pet.5. 1. 2. 3. S.*Peter* therefore did not beleeve that any Biſhop ſhould be Prince among the Apoſtles, and have ſpeciall lordſhip in the Church, as the Pope and his diſciples do ſuppoſe.

Upon the ſtrife which aroſe twice among the Apoſtles about primacy, Chriſt decided their controverſie, ſaying unto them, *ye know that the Princes of the Gentiles exerciſe dominion over them, and they that are great, exerciſe authority upon them; Bus it ſhall not be ſo among you*, Mat.20.25.26.

The word of God alſo in divers places recommendeth humility unto us: to become as little children, to be poore. Chriſt propoſeth

ſeth himſelfe for an example thereof unto his Apoſtles: and will have his Apoſtles to be for an example unto all the World. That *the ſon of man* (ſaith he) *is not come to be miniſtred unto, but to miniſter*, Mat. 18. 1. 2. 3. and chap. 20. 28.

When the Apoſtles were ſent to preach, they were ſent as fellows: the which excludeth ſuperiority, *Math.* 10.

Moreover, Chriſt promiſeth unto them, *That they ſhall ſit upon twelve Thrones, Judging the twelve Tribes of Iſrael*, Luk. 22. 30. But he giveth not unto *Peter* a more eminent place for to preſide, than to the reſt.

When the holy Ghoſt deſcended upon them, It was when they were all in one place, and without any prerogative, *Acts* 2. 1. 4.

S. *Paul* ſaith, That *there is no difference between him and them who ſeemed*

med to be moſt eminent, Galat. 2. 6. He did not then acknowledge any of the Apoſtles to be above him, as head of the Univerſall Church and Prince of the Apoſtles.

Again, he ſaith, That *the Goſpel of the Uncircumciſion was committed unto him, as the Goſpel of the Circumciſion was unto* Peter, Galat. 2. 7. Behold then, they are equall in the labor and miniſtery of the Goſpel.

The Apoſtles that were at Jeruſalem, hearing that *Samaria* had received the word of God: they ſent them *Peter* and *John*, *Acts* 8. 14. Now, to be ſent, ſhewes no ſuperiority; but, at moſt, equality of them that ſendeth and of him that is ſent. For the inferiour never ſendeth the ſuperiour. I doe verily beleeve that the Pope would not approve of them that ſhould ſend him to preach in *England*.

S. *Peter* was rebuked by S. *Paul*, who

who withſtood him to the face. The which hee doth after ſuch a manner, as he ſhewes well enough that he did not eſteem him as head of the Church, nor Prince of the Apoſtles, *Gal.* 2. 11. 14.

It appears therefore by theſe places that S. *Peter* was not head of the Univerſall Church, nor Prince of the Apoſtles. It remains now to ſee whether he did exerciſe that place: and whether the reſt of the Apoſtles have yeelded him the preheminence.

At the Councell of *Jeruſalem*, S. *Peter* propounded his opinion; but *James*, Biſhop of the ſame place made the concluſion as Preſident thereof, *Acts* 15. 7. 13. 19. and the Letters were not diſpatched in *Peters* name, but in the name of the whole Aſſembly: Nevertheleſſe, this was the place where S. *Peter* ſhould have exerciſed this office

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of Head and Prince among the Apostles.

Item, He is accused by the Disciples for conversing with the *Gentiles*. He maketh his defence and excuse, *Act.*11. He was then accountable to his brethren for what he did.

In summe, He calleth himselfe a fellow Elder with the Elders of the Church, and exhorteth them lovingly as his equals, 1.*Pet.*5.1. Therefore he did not think himself Head and Prince amongst them.

But let us heare a pleasant objection which the Popes disciples do make for to prove that S.*Peter* was Head and Prince of the Apostles. S.*Peter*, say they, is the first named in the Scripture. He was the first whose feet Christ did wash; The first that spake at the Councell of *Jerusalem*; The first after Christ to whom the Angels did speak: all which

which prerogatives doe ſhew, that he was Head and Prince of the Apoſtles.

This Argument deſerves not an anſwer. For if the firſt-named in the holy Scriptures, is for that cauſe the ſuperiour: the laſt named ſhall be the leaſt and the abjecteſt. Now, if that be true: *Chriſt* and *Peter* ſhall ſit in the loweſt ranke in the Church. For *Chriſt* himſelfe is poſtpoſed to S. *Peter* by S. *Paul*. *Now, this I ſay, that every one of you ſaith, I am of* Paul, *and I of* Apollo, *and I of* Cephas, *and I of* Chriſt, 1. Cor. 1. 12. S. *John* alſo names *Peter* the laſt; *Philip*, ſaith he, *was of* Bethſaida *the City of* Andrew *and* Peter, *John* 1. 44. S. *Paul* alſo placeth S. *James* before; *James, Cephas*, and *John who ſeemed to be pillars*, Galat. 2. 9. Therefore this is but a meere foppery, brought in a deſperate cauſe for lacke of better reaſons.

sons. S. *Peter* might be among the Apostles, the first in age or in zeale, or in eloquence, or in vertue and miracles; but not at all in principality and superiority of jurisdiction.

Moreover, they alledge againe, That *Christ* said to *Peter*, *Thou art* Peter, *and upon this rocke will I build my Church*. Therefore, say they, *Peter* was established the head and foundation of the Church.

I answer, That *Christ* did not build upon the person of *Peter*, but upon himselfe, and upon the confession of Faith which *Peter* had made: and therefore this conclusion, That S. *Peter* is head and foundation of the Church is false. *For other foundation can no man lay, than that is laid*, saith S. *Paul*, 1. Cor. 3. 11. But this foundation which is laid is *Christ Jesus*: Therefore no man can lay any other foundation than *Christ Jesus*. Again,

Againe, Christ hath plainely distinguished *Peter* from the *Rock*, that is, *Simon Peter* from the *living Rocke* upon which is builded the Church. For he saith not *super te Petrum*, but *Super hanc petram*, that is to say, *upon this Rocke*, and not *upon thee Peter*.

Moreover, let every one judge whether it is more convenient the Church should be grounded upon *Peter* than upon Christ: upon the Son of the living God whom *Peter* had confessed: or upon *Peter*, who presently after denied the Son of the living God: upon him who hath vanquished Satan, or upon him whom Christ calleth Satan. *Mat.16.23.* Upon him who is called the chiefe corner stone; or upon him who was a scandal, that is to say, a stumbling stone.

Againe, the Popes Disciples alledge that Christ said thrice to

Peter, Feed my sheep. But there is great difference betwixt feeding Christs sheep, and to be Universal Head of the Church, and Prince of the Apostles. Christ saith not to him, feed my sheep universally or soveraignly: the same commission of feeding the sheep is given to all the Apostles. *The holy Ghost*, saith Saint *Paul, hath established you Bishops, to feed the Church of God, whom he hath purchased with his owne blood.* Act. 20.28. *Feed the flock of Christ which is committed unto you*, saith S. *Peter*. 1.Pet.5.21.

Christ speaketh unto *Peter* onely, and biddeth him three times feed his sheep, because he had denyed him thrice. Christ draweth three confessions from him, to remedy his threefold denying: at the end of which he is reestablished in the office of a Pastor.

Therefore this being prooved, that

that Saint *Peter* was not head of the Church, nor Prince of the Apostles: It followeth that the Pope (who challengeth it but as his Successor) hath intruded himself into that office, without any lawfull calling: and maintaineth himselfe therein by tyranny, doing and practising that which neither Christ nor *Peter* ever did or practised.

1. For neither Christ nor *Peter* ever shewed themselves in *Pontificalibus*, crown'd with three crowns: nor caused the Kings of the earth to kisse their feet, as the Pope doth at this day, having changed the Christian Religion into Idolatry, superstition and false doctrines, contrary unto the Word of God.

2. Saint *Peter* never exalted himselfe above men and Angels, as the Pope doth in that he willeth and commandeth all men to worship him; and the Angel refused it, saying

ing to *John* that would have worshipped him, *See thou doe it not, I am a servant with thee, worship God.* Apoc. 22. 9. Saint *Peter* likewise made *Cornelius* the Centurion to arise, saying unto him, That *he himselfe was a man.* Acts 10. 26.

3. Saint *Peter* never bragged that he had all power both in heaven and in earth, as the Pope doth. *Item*, he never gave away the kingdomes of the World, nor (for that end) dispensed with any Subjects for their oath of allegiance.

4. Saint *Peter* never caused himselfe to be called God, as the Pope doth: *Can. satisf. distinct. 96.* nor said that he was neither God nor man, but somewhat betwixt the Divinity and the Humanity, as saith *the Glosse upon the Clementines*, and never made himselfe to be called most holy Father.

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5. Saint *Peter* never ſtiled himſelfe the Spouſe of the Church, The Prince of the Apoſtles, the Univerſall Monarch, the Soveraigne Paſtor, the Lyon of Juda, the Saviour of the Church, as the Pope doth, *Councell of Lateran Seſſion. 6.* Who in ſo doing, taketh upon him thoſe titles which belong onely unto Chriſt.

6. The Councell of *Florence* ſaith, That the Pope may add to the Symbole of the Apoſtles; which is as much in effect as to account and acknowledge him to be God. For none but God alone can add to the Symbole, And make Articles of Faith in his Church to bind the conſciences of men.

Upon this objection, *De Raconis* maketh a pleaſant anſwer to *Peter* du *Moulin*; *That which you produce* (ſaith hee in his triumph

of truth, page 127.) *of the Councell of Florence, that the Pope may add to the Apostles Creed: avayleth nothing. The meaning of it, is only that he may (whether in a Councell or out of a Councell) establish Articles of Faith: But not that hee will place them as thirteenth, fourteenth, or fifteenth Articles of the Apostles Creed.*

This Doctor being smitten on his visible head, was so amazed with the blow, that he knew not what he wrote. Master du *Moulin* tels him that the Councell of *Florence* saith, that the Pope may add to the Apostles Creed. Thereupon hee answereth that the onely meaning is, that the Pope may make Articles of Faith. Is not that well answered? Doubtlesse, if the Pope may add to the Symbole, hee may make Articles of Faith. Therefore he should have proved

proved first that the Pope may add to the Creed, and then it had been time for him to tell that he may make Articles of Faith. But who hath told him that the onely meaning is, that the Pope may make Articles of Faith? What audaciousnesse is it in this Doctor so to restraine and wrest the words of this Councell, which saith in expresse tearmes that the Pope may add to the Creed?

Mark therefore that *De Raconis* doth not say that the Pope may not add to the Creed: but, that the Articles of faith which he may make, he will not place them as thirteenth, fourteenth, or fifteenth Articles of the Creed. I answer, it matters not: since the Pope will have whatsoever he saith and decreeth in matters of Religion, to be received with like credit, authority and certainty, as the Articles of the Creed.

Moreover, I deny that the Pope may add to the Creed, and make Articles of Faith. And it is *De Raconis* part and the reſt of the Doctors of the *Roman* Church, to prove it by expreſſe texts of the Word of God, or by neceſſary conſequences drawne out of the ſame. For lack of which, I maintain that this alone is ſufficient to prove that the Pope is Antichriſt, ſince he takes upon him that power which belongeth onely to God, which is to be able to add to the Creed, and make Articles of Faith to bind the conſciences of men.

In a word, if the Pope be wholly contrary to our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, both in doctrine and in manners: It followes hee is that Antichriſt ſpoken of in the Word of God; ſince to be Antichriſt, is nothing elſe but to be contrary to Chriſt. But the antecedent is true; I have proved

proved it already here above as touching the doctrine. It is as easie also to prove it touching manners.

1. First, our Lord Jesus Christ shewed himselfe so humble, that although he was King both of heaven and earth, yet would he not shew himselfe to be such in this World. He fled unto a Mountaine when the Jewes would have made him King. *John 6.* 15. He saith That *his kingdome is not of this world.* John 18.30. But the Pope exalteth himselfe above the Emperor, and above al Kings & Princes of the earth: Therefore he is contrary unto Christ in his manners.

2. Christs mind did not runne upon heaping up treasures on earth; but his onely care was to do the Wil of God his Father. He testifieth That *the Foxes have holes,*

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and the birds of the ayre have nests: but he had not whereon to rest his head. Mat. 8. 20. S. *Peter* also saith, That *he had neither Gold nor Silver*, Act. 3. 6. But all the Popes care is to gather up treasures and riches. Therefore he is contrary unto Christ in his Manners.

3. Christ, willing to shew himselfe a patterne of humility, washed the feet of his Apostles, *John* 13. But the Pope will not be so officious; but on the contrary, he makes others to kisse his feet devoutly, out of his pride. Therfore, he is contrary unto Christ in his Manners.

4. Christ was Crowned with a Crowne of Thornes: but it pleaseth his Holinesse to weare three Crownes that are not of the like matter.

5. Christ went into Cities and Townes, preaching, and shewing the

the Doctrine of Salvation, *Luk.* 8. But the Pope diſpenſeth with himſelf handſomely from that labour.

6. Chriſt commands his Apoſtles to give for nothing that which they have received for nothing, *Mat.* 10.8. But the Pope is wiſer than ſo, to give any of his wares *gratis*.

7. Chriſt teacheth us, That *if any man will be his Diſciple and follow him, that he muſt take up his Croſſe*, Mat. 10. that is, all manner of afflictions and poverty; denying himſelfe and his affections. But the Pope followes not this precept: and by Conſequent, cannot be put or placed into the number of Chriſts Diſciples.

8. Chriſt forbids Fornication: and the Pope ordaineth it, in ſuffering publick Stewes in *Rome* and other places, that bring him in great profit.

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9. The Pope likewiſe ſhewes himſelfe contrary unto Chriſt in greatneſſe and Worldly pompe. It is an admirable thing to ſee him in his Pontificalibus, crowned with three Crownes, or carried upon mens ſhoulders through the City of *Rome*, attended with *Suitzers* and other guards, both a Horſe-back and a Foot; and to ſee the people upon their knees worſhipping him in the ſtreets.

10. In a word, The Pope is abſolutely contrary unto Chriſt, in magnificence of apparell, garments, moveables, Horſes, and Officers; all which he hath in great number. *Item*, in meats, drinks, baths, unctions, corporal delights, pleaſures, Muſick, Playes, ſports, and all Earthly contentments. Wherefore the Conſequence of my Argument is moſt true, and therefore none ought to doubt

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but thar he is that Antichriſt ſpoken of in the Word of God. *Item*, That that Congregation which acknowledgeth him for its Head, is not the Church of Chriſt, but the Synagogue of Antichriſt, from which we ought to ſeparate our ſelves, according to Gods command, *Apoc.* 18. 4. and cleave to the Reformed Church, which is the true Church, the onely Pillar of Truth, out of which there is no Salvation.

Apoc. 14. 9. 10. *If any man worſhip the Beaſt and his Image, and receive his marke in his Forehead, or in his hand, the ſame ſhall drink of the Wine of the wrath of God, which is powred out without mixture into the Cup of his indignation, and he ſhall be tormented with fire and brimſtone in the preſence of the holy Angels, and in the preſence of the Lambe.*

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IF Books *were to be eſteemed for their* Bulke, *and not for their* Worth: *I would not preſume to Dedi-*

cate so little a Book *as this is, to* so great a Lord *as You are. But since it is their* Goodnesse, *and not their* Bignesse, *that makes them recommendable: the* Book *it selfe, I hope, shall answer for me. For* in It, *your* Honour *shall finde* a great deale *of good matter, contained in* a little roome. *In It, You shall see the Doctrine of the Church of Rome* flatly condemned; *and the Doctrine of the Reformed Church,* fully Justified: *And that, not by any passages taken out of the* broken Cisternes *of the Traditions of men; but by many expresse Texts, and necessary Consequences drawn out of the Pure Fountain of* the very word of God. *In a word,*

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though it be of a contemptible Stature: yet you shall finde It to be a pretty tall Man of his hands; skilfull in his weapons; and so full of mettle and spirit, that like a little DAVID (*comeing in the name of the Lord, and being armed with his Word*) *he foyles and utterly overthrowes that* Great GOLIAH of Gath, *I meane the Church of* Rome.

And now, most Illustrious Lord, *the thing that hath encouraged me to make choice of* Your Honour, *and seeke after* Your Patronage, *is, that my* Author (*of Noble extraction himselfe*) *Dedicated this Book of his to* a Great and Religious Princesse of my Nation,

Daughter to that Renowned Prince, *the late* Duke of ROHAN: *by which example, I thought my ſelfe obliged not to diſparage it in* England.

But the moſt prevalent Motive, *and, as I may ſay, the very* Loadſtone *that hath attracted me thereunto, is, chiefly, thoſe tranſcendent* vertues *which I ſee* ſhine *ſo brightly in* Your Honor, *and wherewith* God hath adorned Your Soule as with a garment: *I meane that* Fervent love *You have to the* Truth: *That* Ardent Affection *You ſhew to the* Sincerity *of* Religion: *and that* Inbred and Holy Hatred You beare, *not onely to all* Popery *and* Superſtition:

tion : *but alſo to the* leaſt thing *that might conduce thereunto.*

And for the Confirmation of this teſtimony of mine: Give me *leave,* Moſt Noble Lord, *to boaſt that I am very ſtrong; and may, with as much right as any man, uſe in this the common Engliſh Proverbe, that ſaith,* I come with a Witneſſe : *ſince I bring* no leſſe *with mee* than the Voyce of the whole Kingdome.

For indeed, Right Honorable, *though I have been in moſt places of* England, *and have carefully and diligently obſerved the bent and affections of the People: I never yet met with any man*

that dissented from that opinion.

What hopes then should not I have that Your Honor *will accept of this poore Labour of mine, and afford It* Your Protection, *since It suites so well with* Your disposition; *and that You shall see in It the* Truth *of that* Religion *which* You Professe, *and the* Falshood *of that* Religion *which* You Detest.

Vouchsafe therefore Most Illustrious Lord, *to receive It with a gracious eye, and to afford It* Your Countenance. *I know that for* Your Honors *sake, it will be welcome to* this Nation, *when they see Your* Honorable Name *in the front of It. And I make*

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no queſtion but after they have read It, they will love it alſo for its owne ſake. If in theſe times (wherein many looke back towards Babylon *again, and Popery hath been here ſo bold as to thinke her ſelfe at home) the Publicke receive any fruit thereby, they ſhall be obliged unto* Your Honor *for it: but I more eſpecially, who will acknowledge my ſelfe bound ſo long as I live, to be and remaine,*

Your Honours

moſt humble

and moſt devoted

Servant,

J. MOVNTAINE.

To the Reader.

THe Jeſuits and other Doctors of the *Romane* Church, having lurk'd a long time under the Cloake of a pretended Antiquity, perſonall Succeſſion, falſe Miracles, Councels, and ancient Fathers: And now, perceiving that this old ragged covering is not able to hide any longer thoſe Errors and Idolatries which the Pope hath brought into the Church, becauſe that the people whom they have deceived, and by this meanes kept in their Errors, beginne now to know That the Religion which hath the truth of the

the Word of God hath the Antiquity; and that on the contrary, That Religion which hath not this Truth, hath the Falshood and Novelty. Moreover, That there is no succession of true Pastors, where there is no succession of true Doctrin: That *Miracles* belongeth now to Antichrist, and are a marke of Apostasie, and not of the Truth: as the Word of God plainly teacheth, *Mat.* 24. 24. 2. *Thes.* 2. 9: That they are forced to confesse, That divers Councels and ancient Fathers have Erred, and that they are not rules of the Word of God, but that they ought to be ruled by the same Word. They have

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been forced (running from their colors) to forsake their weather-beaten shelter, to seek for a new retreat, and cast themselves into a new intrenchment, there to hold and lurke yet a while, which is to aske of us some expresse texts out of the Word of God, and necessary Consequentes drawn out of the same, for the proose of our Doctrine, and condemnation of theirs; thinking by such means to perswade the simple people, that we have bragd in vain that our Doctrine was conformable unto the word of God, & that we had expresse texts & necessary Consequences drawn out of the same for the confirmation thereof, and are

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not able to produce any. But these Doctors imagining to hide themselves thereby, have on the contrary, stript themselves so stark naked, that it is impossible for them to subsist any longer. For I will shew in this Treatise, with the help of the Lord, that according to their own Maxime and proper Confession, the Doctrine of the *Roman* Church is most false: and That of the Reformed Church, most true.

To come therfore to the Point, without using any long digression: We must understand, that our Adversaries do confesse ingenuously, That the Doctrine which may be proved both by expresse texts out of the Word of God

God, and neceſſary Conſequences drawn out of the ſame, is the true Doctrin. And contrariwiſe, That that Doctrine which cánot be proved out of expreſſe texts of the Word of God, and neceſſary Conſequences drawn out of the ſame, is the falſe. And that withall the Jeſuits doe brag impudently in ſome of their Bookes, to have put to ſilence all Our Miniſters: And make their boaſt, *That neither Miniſter, nor any other, can produce any expreſſe Text out of the Bible, that either condemneth any of their Articles, or juſtifies any of ours, though we ſhould produce them out of the* Geneva *Bible*. Moreover, *That by Expreſſe Texts, they doe not meane*

meane we should shew them in the Bible, the very same words of the debated Article: but that they are contented with such like and equivalent words. And that we cannot justifie any of our Articles of Faith, nor condemne any of theirs by any good Consequence drawne out of the pure Word of God. And in Jesuite *Verons* answer to my Book called *The Caballe of the Jesuits, &c.* after hee hath brought some lines wherein I say that the onely way to make them come out of this last entrenchment, is to produce Expresse Texts out of the Word of God, for the proofe of that which is in Controversie: he answereth, *That it is all he desireth*

reth of us, and offereth to be a Protestant, if we be able to doe it, even in one onely Article. Again, in *de Raconis* Book, containing the Acts of the Conference held between him and M^r. *du Moulin*, Printed with the approbation of the Doctors, p. 15, the said *de Raconis* confesseth, *That the Church is subject unto the written Word, not to goe against it.* And in the 31. *Pag.* he admitteth the said *du Moulin* to necessary Consequences drawn out of the Word of God. So that all we have now to doe, is to produce Expresse Texts out of the Word of God, and necessary Consequences drawne out of the same, for the condemning of the Doctrine of

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the *Roman* Church, and Justifying of that of the Reformed. Which thing I do in this Treatise upon the chiefe points of Controversie: Whereby every one may easily perceive, that according to our Adversaries own Confession, the Reformed Church hath the true Doctrine, and the *Roman* Church the false. And therefore all they that desire to have Salvation, ought to come out of it, and joyne themselves to the Reformed Church.

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of the Word of God, for the con-
demning of the Doctrine of the *Ro-*
man Church, and juſtifying of
that of the Reformed
Churches.

CHAP. I.

That the Word of God is not dark to them that have receiued the Spirit of God, that they may know the things which are freely giuen them of God. Item, *That it containeth all things neceſſary to Salvation; and by conſequent, that Mens Traditions are vaine and unprofitable.*

THE Word of God contained in the Old and New Teſtament, is the chiefe and principall meanes we have

to know him. It is it alone that declareth us his will, and teacheth us what the honour and ſervice is we owe unto him. In ſumme, it is the only light that ſcattereth and diſpelleth the darkneſſe of our underſtanding, and by whoſe pure brightneſſe we are led into the way of the Kingdome of Heaven. Therefore it is no wonder if the Pope and his diſciples (enemies of Mans Salvation) have endeavoured, and doe endeavour ſtill to take away that holy light from before men, to the end that they walking in darkneſſe, may fall into eternall ruine and perdition. Now, the chief meanes they have uſed to attain to their ends, is firſt, to perſwade and make the ſimple people beleeve, That the Scriptures are full of darkneſſe and therefore that it belongeth not to every one to reade the ſame, but only to Doctors and learned men. Secondly, That it doth not containe all things

hings neceſſary to Salvation. That
t is but a piece of a rule, a noſe of
ax, a two-handed ſword. But for to
upply the Scriptures want, there is
Tradition and unwritten Word,
hich they cauſe to be received with
ke credit and certainty as the very
Word of God. And with this arti-
ce and cunning, the Pope hath ſet
p himſelfe in the Temple of God,
nd hath changed the Chriſtian Reli-
ion, into Idolatry, ſuperſtition and
alſe Doctrine; cauſing the people to
eceive whatſoever he ſaith and de-
rees, as the very Word and ordi-
nance of God, though they be things
irectly contrary to the ſame: which
hings, by the grace of God, I ſhall
make plainly appeare by many places
of the Word of God, and neceſſary
conſequences drawne out of the ſame.

Firſt, as touching the darkneſſe of
the Scripture which they ſuppoſe, for
to hinder the ſimple people from rea-

ding the same: I say that in this ver
thing, they truely shew themselves t
be those blinde and incredulous one
of whom S. *Paul* speakes when h
saith, *If our Gospel be hid, it is hid*
them that are lost: In whom the God
this world hath blinded the mindes
them that beleeve not, Lest the light of t
glorious Gospel of Christ, who is the Imag
of God, should shine unto them, 2. Cor.
ver. 3. 4.

If the Word of God be dark, it
not in regard of it selfe, but of me
that are blinde by nature in thing
that are of God. *The natural ma*
saith S. *Paul, receiveth not the things*
the Spirit of God: for they are fooli
nesse unto him: neither can he know the
because they are spiritually discerne
1. Cor. 2. 14. And, our Lord teacheth
us, that they *which are not of God, ca*
not heare the Word of God, Joh. 8. 47.

The Word of God is not dark t
them that have received the Spirit o
God

God, that they may know the things which are freely given to them of God, 1. Cor. 2. 12. I prove it by these arguments.

Whatsoevet is a lampe unto the feet of the Faithfull, and a light unto their paths, the same is not dark unto them.

But the Word of God is a lampe unto the feet of the Faithfull, and a light unto their paths, Psal. 119. 105.

Therefore the Word of God is not dark unto them.

Item, Whatsoever illuminateth, and makes the simple to have understanding, the same is plain unto them.

But the Word of God enlighteneth and maketh the simple to have understanding. Psal. 119. 130.

Therefore the Word of God is plain unto the simple.